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Passes Democratic Primary Test...

Agawam's Kasparian On Road To County Commission Seat

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

The results of Tuesday's primary election add up to a seat on the Hampden County Commission for Agawam resident Abe Kasparian, according to an inside observer with 25 years in town government.

City Clerk Richard Theroux said, "It certainly seems that will be the case down the road. Since Tuesday's write-in campaigns were not successful, I don't believe anyone will even try a write-in in November."

In his second bid for public office, Kasparian took on incumbents Richard S. Thomas and the late Thomas J. O'Connor in a campaign for the Democratic nomination. The campaign revealed violations in the Open Meeting law by the commissioners and a flaw in the process used to appoint former State Representative Athan Catjakis to fill in during O'Connor's absence.

The campaign took a nasty turn when confidential records dating back to Kasparian's youth were released to the press by Thomas.

The campaign took another twist when the

death of O'Connor six days before the primary touched off a write-in campaign for the Republican nomination.

However, no one received the required 1,000 votes to win a spot on the ballot as a GOP candidate, leaving Thomas and Kasparian as the only two official candidates.

Even though the November ballot will list only his and Thomas's name with the instruction "vote for two," Kasparian is not taking his election for granted.

"We won't feel we've won until we win in November," Kasparian said.

Asked if he could work with Thomas in light of the nastiness of the campaign, Kasparian said he expected to conduct the county's business in a professional manner and deal with any personal issues on a personal level.

"I have no problem setting aside the campaign to work on county business," Kasparian said.

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Ameruoso Steps Up For First TV Meeting With School Comm.

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

In his first presentation of superintendent's notes, Dr. Frank Ameruoso congratulated a scholarship winner, acknowledged the accreditation of the Early Childhood Center, and promised a report on the results of grouping students of all ability levels together for instruction.

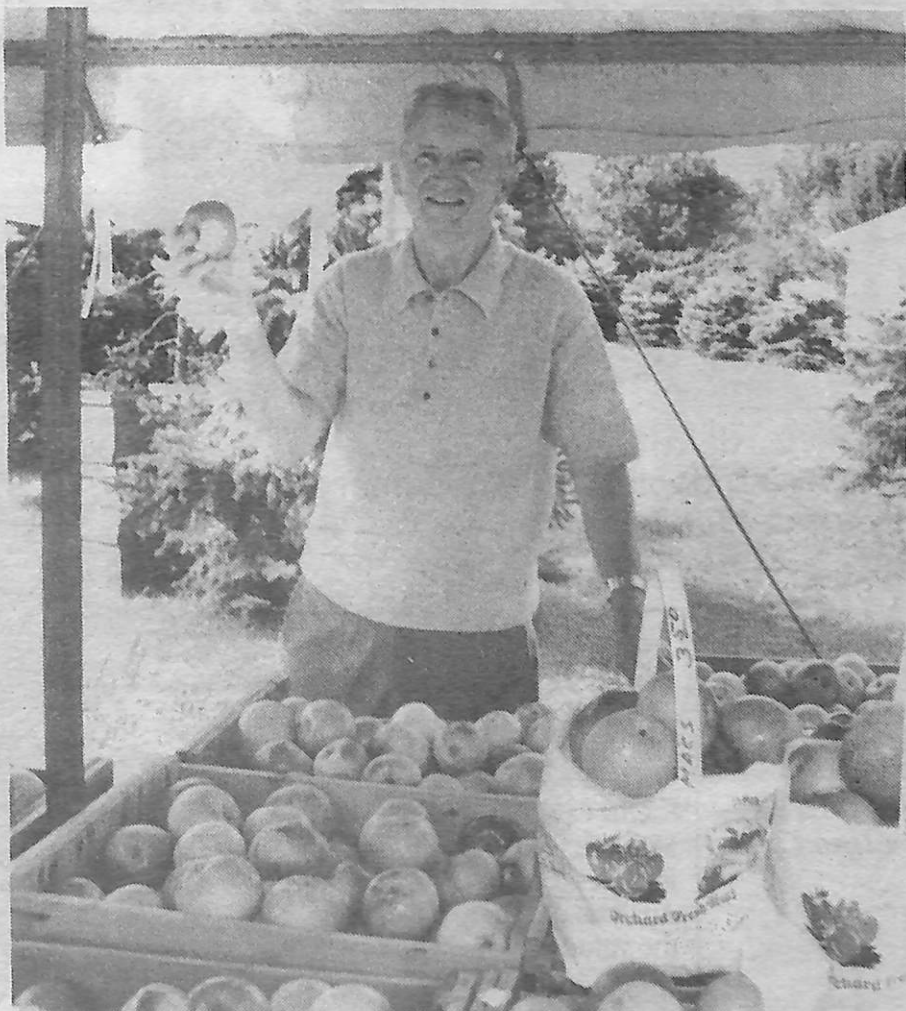
After thanking the community for a warm welcome at the get-acquainted reception held the previous evening, Ameruoso said, "I strongly feel that we are going to succeed here sooner than we think."

Ameruoso offered his congratulations to School Committee member Roberta Doering on the creation of a scholarship named in her honor by the Massachusetts Association of School Committees and read a letter of appreciation from the first recipient, 1996 Agawam High salutatorian, Selena M. Machia.

In her letter to the committee, Ms. Machia expressed her gratitude for the award and pledged to "be a good representative of the Town of Agawam at Boston College."

SEE AMERUOSO - Page 2...

A "Taste" Of Autumn...



YOU KNOW THAT THE FALL SEASON is right around the corner when you see Max Gaj holding an apple. The Feeding Hills resident has been selling this tasty autumn produce for many years; so, if you want to give in to this taste-tempting tradition, visit Max at 711 Mill Street. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



DR. FRANK AMERUOSO (center), Agawam's newest Superintendent of Schools, is greeted by Mayor Christopher Johnson and State Senator Linda Melconian at a reception held in his honor at the Agawam Public Library. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



IN LEFT PHOTO: Dr. Frank Ameruoso (center) chats with School Committee Member Rosemary Sandlin and Andy Bower, President of the Agawam Education Association. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Dr. Ameruoso with several town officials (from left to right) - Town Councilor Kent Servis, School Committee Member Linda Galarneau, Town Council President Nancy Thompson, School Committee Secretary Susan Pettazzoni, and Town Councilor George Bitzas. Advertiser News photos by Jack Lussier.

AMERUOSO - from Page 1...

Ameruoso told the committee he has been notified that the Early Childhood Center received accreditation from the NAEYC, the oldest and largest association of early childhood professionals in the country.

"It's a great honor to have our Early Childhood

Center nationally accredited," Ameruoso said. "The ECC had to meet a variety of strict standards, ranging from the qualifications of the staff to curriculum, physical and safety standards."

Ameruoso promised a written report on the progress of the plan to abandon the practice of

grouping students by ability level for instruction and to institute a system of heterogeneous grouping of mixed ability levels.

The report on heterogeneous grouping is expected to be discussed at the September 24th meeting of the School Committee.

KASPARIAN - from Page 1...

Kasparian said he would file a complaint seeking whatever remedies the law allows for the release and dissemination of confidential material obtained without authorization from the state's criminal record information board. He expressed his gratitude for the support of his wife

and the loyal friends who stood by him.

"I really appreciate everyone who came out to support me and I will work very hard for everyone in the county," Kasparian said.

Kasparian said he and his wife, Connie, would be taking a short vacation to recover from the exhaustion of the campaign and the emotional

stress of having their home spraypainted with swastikas in the final days of the campaign.

After taking a few days off, Kasparian said he would resume his campaign and begin working on his first priority: the return of county-held land to the communities, especially the 250 acres of county-owned land in Agawam.

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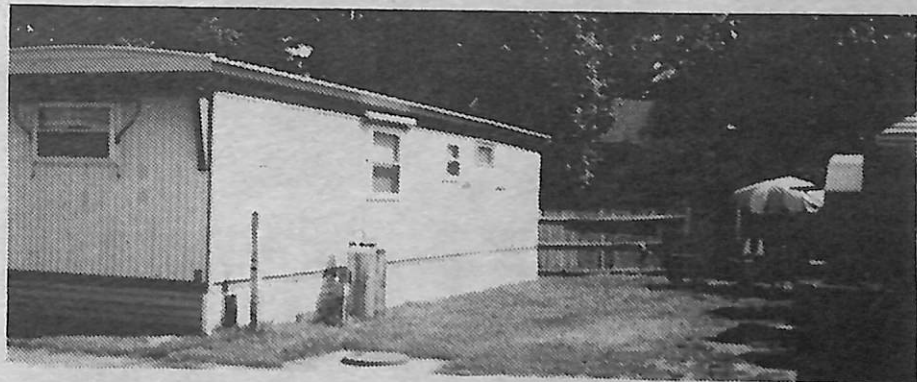
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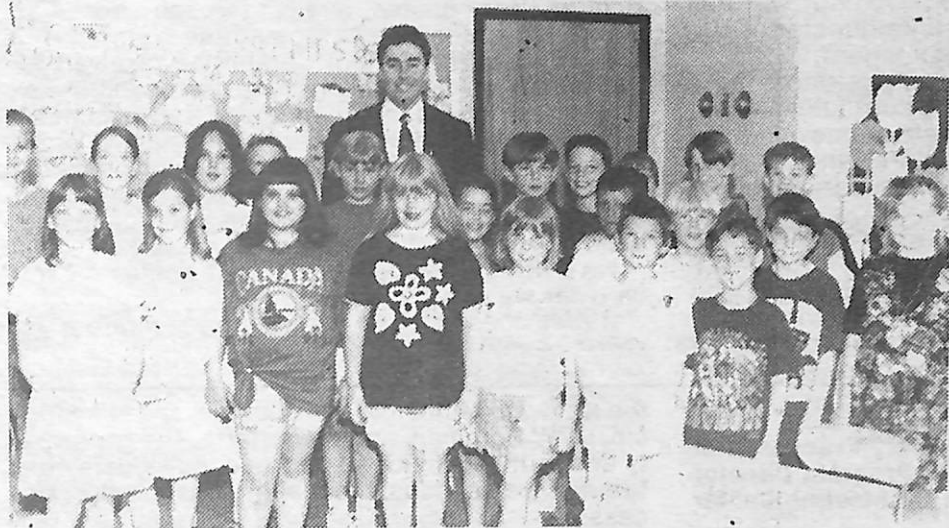
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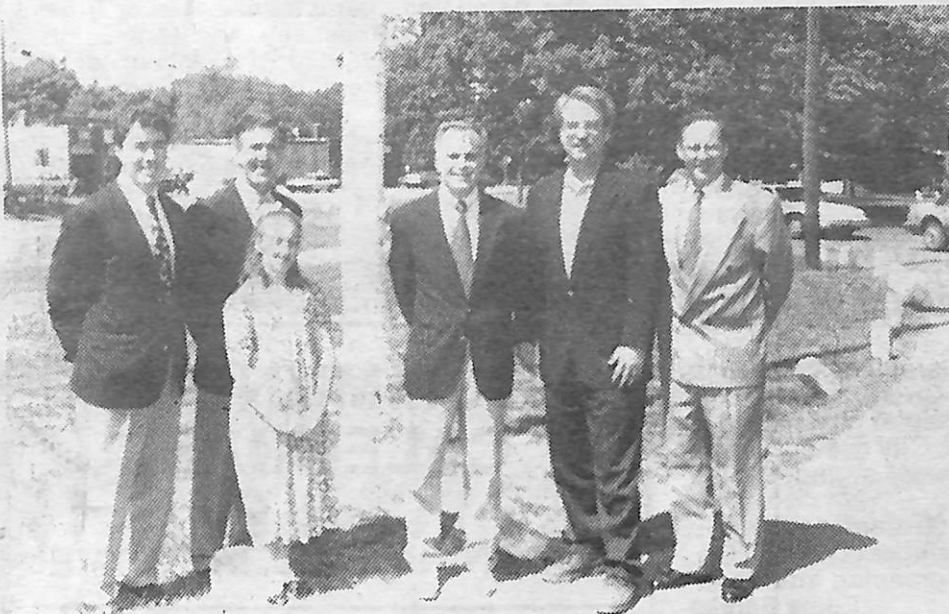
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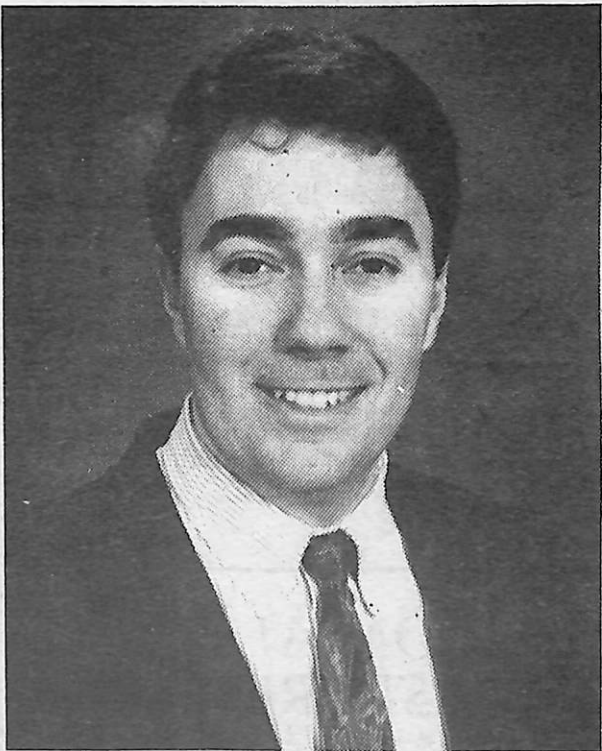
REP. KEENAN attends Route 57 opening.



REP. KEENAN at flag-raising ceremonies at Phelps Elementary School.



REP. KEENAN visits with local seniors.



REP. KEENAN addresses the Agawam Chamber of Commerce.



REP. KEENAN attends D.A.R.E. Golf Tournament.

A HARD WORKER...

Commentary... Curriculum Management Audit Not Needed For Agawam Schools

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Most people would not hire an architect to draw up a plan to renovate their home when they are in the process of moving into a new, custom-built home.

But that's exactly what some parents, politicians, and Town Councilors seem to want the School Committee to do.

In July, the five member Town Council subcommittee responsible for reviewing the School Department budget came up with a list of four recommendations. It included the hiring of an independent firm to conduct a curriculum management audit of the entire school system.

Last week's release of the 1996 SAT scores ranking AHS students below the state and national averages (on both the verbal and the math sections) has renewed the call for a curriculum audit.

Overall, the verbal scores for AHS students improved compared to the previous year, but the math scores declined by 13 percent.

Not exactly reassuring to parents who have every right to expect their children to receive the education they need to be successful, nor is it particularly reassuring to the taxpayers who are footing the bill.

But, does it add up to forking over about \$30,000 to uncover the mistakes of the past at a time when Agawam, along with the rest of the school districts across the state, is in the midst of rewriting the curriculum to match the state frameworks being developed under education reform?

For the past three years, retired teacher Ann Favreau has been orchestrating the process of curriculum review and revision as the district's first part-time coordinator of curriculum initiatives. Last week, the School Committee voted to hire the district's first full-time director of curriculum and professional development.

Teams of teachers and administrators have been working to ensure that the curriculum taught in Agawam will match the state frameworks (so that the students will be successful when the proficiency testing mandated by education reform begins next year).

The curriculum initiatives begun under former Superintendent of Schools Bernard F. Ryder are now in the hands of a new superintendent who has experience as a curriculum director — and that may be the most compelling reason to hold off on a curriculum audit.

A week after coming on board, Dr. Frank Ameruso said his first recommendation to the School Committee would be to hire a curriculum specialist. This person would also be responsible for making sure the teachers received the professional development necessary to deliver the written curriculum to the students. Last week, the School Committee approved Ameruso's request. The job is being posted and should be filled in about a month.

Just last week, a new Language Arts Curriculum for grades pre-K through six was presented to the School Committee.

In August, the School Committee received an update on the work being done on the math curriculum to be sure that teachers at the elementary level know what skills their students need in order to prepare for algebra, trigonometry, and calculus.

Ameruso has said the time for an audit would be three to five years after the curriculum has been rewritten to fit the state frameworks.

He's right. An audit at this point would only tell us what we already know.

It just doesn't make sense to redecorate a vacant house.



Letters To The Editor

Community United Way Helps Agawam Counseling Center

To The Editor:

The Agawam Counseling Center in Feeding Hills is a licensed clinic providing affordable mental health and substance abuse services to children, adolescents and adults. On Tuesday, September 10th, the tables were turned when The Agawam Counseling Center participated in Community United Way's Third Annual Day of Caring.

In one short day, an unbelievable amount of much needed maintenance for the Center was provided by 17 cheerful and hardworking volunteers from local businesses.

Thanks to them, we have windows freshly grouted, painted and washed; our entrance ramp sports a new coat of stain; doors have fresh coats of paint; and our children's bathroom looks like new. The window blinds have been washed; our back hall glistens with fresh paint; and the yard has never looked so well.

All of the staff at The Agawam Counseling Center wants to say thank you to all of the businesses and volunteers who contributed time, materials and labor so generously: Olympic Manufacturing, Coopers & Lybrand, Baystate Health System, and Pavel Traffic Line Company. Our thanks to Stop & Shop, Dunkin' Donuts, and Bruno Pizzeria, whose contributions sustained us all throughout the day.

Thanks, too, to Community United Way for sponsoring such a great opportunity for our agency to form an ever stronger partnership with the

community we serve.

Mary Frances Wall
Program Director
Agawam Counseling Center

Vernani Family Expresses Appreciation For Support

To The Editor:

To all the wonderful friends and relatives who came, sent gifts and cards, and helped to ease our pain in the loss of our son, Leo J. Vernani, we all thank you.

Katherine, Leo, Peter, Susan,
James & Gina Vernani
Agawam

Golden Agers (Chapter 2) Are "On The Road Again"

To The Editor:

Our tour director, Frank Paradiso, planned a wonderful trip to Wildwood Crest, New Jersey. Forty-nine Golden Agers (Chapter 2) enjoyed a boat ride, two visits to Atlantic City casinos, and a tour of a winery (which furnished a dinner and a show).

The weather was almost 90 degrees for two days. A Las Vegas trip in November is now on tap. Thanks, Frank, for all your planning and work.

Eddie Barako
Feeding Hills

Athletic Director Thanks BP For Sponsoring Golf Tourney

To The Editor:

On behalf of the student-athletes of Agawam High School, I wish to thank Berkshire Power for sponsoring the Second Annual Berkshire Power Golf Tournament to benefit Agawam High School athletics. Likewise, I wish to thank the hole sponsors, golfers, raffle gift donors, and volunteers for their time and efforts.

I would be remiss for not mentioning the hard work put forth by Ron Dunn, PGA Professional at

the Agawam Municipal Golf Course, and Mike Piccin, DPW Foreman, and their staffs. The generosity and enthusiasm of all of these individuals contributed tremendously to making this event a success.

The golf tournament raised \$6,072, which will be used to support the Athletic Department at Agawam High School.

Congratulations to the 1996 winners, who were also the defending champions — Trevor Brown, Chris Coelho, Chris Rousseau, and Keith Jendza. Chris Rousseau was also the winner of the closest to the pin contest. Denis St. Jean won the longest drive contest.

Once again, thank-you to all the aforementioned for making this event a successful one!

Sincerely,
Kathleen E. McSweeney
Director of Athletics
Agawam High School

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Saturday, September 28th
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Thursday, October 3rd
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West Side Resident Thanks Agawam Police & Fire Depts.

To The Editor:

I would like to thank Agawam's Fire and Police Departments for their assistance on Saturday, July 14th, when I locked my baby and the keys inside the car.

Due to Officer Tom Maro and paramedic Brian Keefe's quick response and professionalism, my child did not require medical attention.

I must also thank the couple who stayed with my baby while I called for help, and the Strauss Auto employee who volunteered his assistance. Unfortunately, I did not obtain everyone's name.

It's so nice to know that some people will take the time to get involved. Thanks to everyone again.

Sincerely,
Maureen F. Garvey
West Springfield

Robert Magovern Is A Worthy Candidate For State Rep. Seat

To The Editor:

Now that summer has come to an end and our children have returned to their classrooms, we are again reminded of the impact that a good education will have on their futures. That is why I am so happy that Robert Magovern has entered the race to be our state representative. Bob has made the education of our children a number one priority in his campaign.

Having been born and educated in Agawam, Bob has come to appreciate the education and values that he received from the Agawam school system. The education of our children is an expensive undertaking, but it is an investment that we must make. Bob realizes that we must stimulate economic growth and prosperity for everyone. It is through that growth and prosperity that we will be able to raise the money needed to provide our children with a quality education.

I was especially intrigued by Bob's plan for a high technology park in Agawam to complement the existing industrial park. It is vision like that which will make Agawam a leader in the future, not a follower. Bob's family has been a part of

Agawam's history dating back to 1712 and now Bob wants to help chart our future. We are fortunate to have a candidate for state representative with Bob's qualifications and ties to the community.

Bob is always looking for a better and more cost effective way for our representatives to carry out their responsibilities to the citizens for whom they work. As a state committee person, Bob is familiar with the players and procedures in Boston and would hit the ground running from the moment he takes office. He knows how to get things done.

Bob's goal of a cooperative effort between the government and the business community to meet the challenges of the future and his emphasis on quality education for our children will insure a bright future for our children and our community. I enthusiastically endorse Bob's candidacy for state representative and urge everyone to get to know Bob and learn about his commitment to our community and his vision for the future. With a well-educated, mature and experienced leader like Bob Magovern as our state representative, the future will indeed be bright.

Very truly yours,
Robert J. Danie
Feeding Hills

Senator Melconian Seeks Suggestions For Legislation

To The Editor:

It is that time of year when we must begin to think of legislation which we want filed for the new term, beginning January 1, 1997. The filing deadline for the 1997-98 Legislative term is Wednesday, December 4, 1996.

As your State Senator, I have always worked hard to cultivate a working relationship with my constituents that fosters maximum input in the legislative process. During the past year, I have met with many of you to hear your suggestions and recommendations for ways in which state government can better serve us in Western Massachusetts.

Each year at this time, I contact local officials, representatives of neighborhood and human service organizations, and members of the business, labor and education communities, as well as many other interested and involved citizens in my Senatorial District, for their suggestions and recommendations on developing innovative

legislation.

Please contact me by Monday, October 21, 1996 with any suggestions you may have for legislation. This will allow us ample time to review and draft the appropriate language in time to meet the deadline. Please send the proposals in writing to: Senator Linda J. Melconian, State House, Room 320, Boston, MA 02133.

If you wish to speak to me in person about any of your ideas or proposals, please set up an appointment through Betty in my District Office (786-6033) before October 21st.

My success in representing such a dynamic and diverse constituency as the Hampden District has resulted from a continuing dialogue with concerned and insightful people like you who are interested in good public policy. I welcome your valuable input, your suggestions, ideas and proposals.

I am looking forward to hearing from you.

With best wishes,
Linda J. Melconian
Assistant Majority Leader

Kasparian Seems To Want To Join "Good Old Boy Network"

To The Editor:

Mr. Abe Kasparian, who is a candidate for Hampden County Commissioner, in the August 15, 1996 edition of *The Agawam Advertiser News* stated it was "a good old boy network." What he did not say was he wanted to be a part of it all the way.

I ask Abe Kasparian why he has a phone that does not take incoming calls? I also wrote him and asked him about the Commission. Why did he not answer me?

On July 4, 1996 in *The Agawam Advertiser News*, Mr. Kasparian stated that he would expand the existing animal control program. Not cut but expand, and hurt the small livestock farmers and other small businesses.

I ask Mr. Kasparian why he is not already part of this well-entrenched "good old boy network"?

Charles Avezzie
Agawam

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**BP Has Misrepresented
Itself To Town Of Agawam****To The Editor:**

It was amusing to find myself called a liar and dishonest in a recent edition of this newspaper by a supporter of Berkshire Power and current ruling clique in our town. Rather than belabor the matter by directly commenting on each and every point made in that letter, I would like to make the following comments.

First, representatives of Berkshire Power and their supporters appear to have consciously misrepresented their project to the people of Agawam. They continue to do so by not divulging in public forums such as this newspaper the COMPLETE details of their power plant scheme. Apparently the proponents of this project continue to fear that the public, once so educated, will insist on their departure from Agawam.

Second, the ruling clique, comprised of Mayor Johnson, Town Council President Thompson and their cronies, appears to be consistently indulging in behavior which is not in the town's best interests. The concern is that the conflicts of interest and refusals to consider the concerns of town residents are indicative of corruption in our town government. Again, the appearance is that there is something to fear, or hide, in not coming COMPLETELY clean on all issues.

I trust that the people of Agawam, on reviewing the arguments on both sides of any issue, can determine who is being honest, and who is just attempting to cheat them. Unfortunately, there are those who appear to be afraid that we can so. Otherwise we would have the town hearings petitioned for, the ballot questions requested and responses to the concerns and questions raised.

Despite the presumptuous reasoning used in that recent letter to explain why my family and I chose to remain in Agawam, the company of our many friends and neighbors played a great part in our decision. In addition, I made a commitment to my family and friends to meet the challenge we all face: to improve our community without degrading the quality of our life here or prostituting our values.

Sincerely,
Rob Keenan
Agawam

**Discussing The "Ironies"
Surrounding Power Plant Issue****To The Editor:**

What irony may be found? I wonder what irony could possibly be found in the fact that a power plant opponent might choose to make his home here?

Is it ironic that a power plant opponent should love our town? What, beyond our love for this town, could possibly motivate us?

Is it ironic that an opponent might express misgivings about the plant's environmental impact? Given our love, how could we not find an assault on our town's environment to be particularly negative?

Is it ironic that we might question the motives of a handful of public officials? I fail to see how the love of a town necessitates a love for public officials intent on destroying what we love about it.

It is indubitably true that a great many benefits may be secured from home ownership in this town. I cannot imagine a better place to live, and intend to keep it that way.

By no means it is at all ironic for homeowners to fight City Hall and Berkshire Power. Home owners, you see, have an interest.

Yours,
Owen Broadhurst
Agawam

**Berkshire Power Opponent
Has Divided Town Of Agawam****To The Editor:**

In our continuing saga, I have to respond to Ken Forni's letter to *The AAN* last week by saying that Ken pointed out the purpose of the structures which I mentioned were in Agawam over the 40-foot limit. However, the purpose of these structures wasn't the issue.

Ken, I think you have your fruit mixed up. How can you say "compare apples to apples" when first you talk about height limits and then you speak about the purpose for the structures. Height limits and purpose are two different issues. There are structures over the 40-foot limit in Agawam and that's that.

Then you mention that the opponents want the

zoning laws upheld as they were written. But if you had read the newspaper, you would recall that recently Riverside went in front of the Board of Appeals and received a special permit for the new ride they put in which had exceeded the height limit of the zoning ordinance. Also, if you had read my letter correctly, you would know that I was making no comparisons, but pointing out, by example, that there are other structures in Agawam which exceed the height limit. By no means are there any similarities between Bondi's and Berkshire Power. Berkshire Power will be a high-tech, beautifully-designed facility with no smell.

Another comment you made which I find absolutely "ridiculous" is that the proponents cannot see beyond the million dollars. I think you're a bit confused, because as I can recall it was the opponents who weren't satisfied with what Berkshire Power had to offer in terms of money. The opponents were the ones who put up a stink which in turn influenced the Council to stall to see if Berkshire Power would offer more money. The proponents have vision and are looking into the future.

Speaking about issues, Ken also mentioned that the proponents don't want to speak on the water issue. I don't recall anyone ever asking our opinion, but since you mention it, I must comment by saying that water shouldn't even be an issue. Because if Berkshire Power doesn't build in Agawam, it will build in Southwick.

If they build in Southwick, they won't be using well water; their water supply will come from the same source that Agawam uses. If water is a big concern, then I think everyone in this town and surrounding towns who use the same water better stop flushing their toilets and stop watering their lawns; 1.5 million gallons of water a day sounds like a lot, but if it's put into perspective, it really isn't.

Ken, I'd ask you how many gallons of water you flush a day, but I'd like to ask that question to Frank Lawlor, since he, in my opinion, started this whole controversy. Hey, Frank, let's hear from you, it's been a while, or are you too busy warning Crestview Country Club about Big Bad Berkshire Power?

In my opinion, you've managed to divide a whole town just to save the value of your home. But I guess the value of your home isn't the issue, or is it?

Concerned Agawam Taxpayer
Laurie Littlefield
Agawam

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**TOWN OF AGAWAM
AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

The Agawam Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, Sept. 26, 1996 at 7:45 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of Silver Lake Association for work to be performed at 58 Edgewater Road, Lot No. 30A, 31A, and 32A.

By Order of Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman
Agawam Conservation Commission
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The Agawam Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, September 26, 1996 at 7:15 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA. The purpose of this hearing is to hear the petition of Custom Building

TOWN OF AGAWAM**AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Specialists, Inc. for work to be performed on Lots 21 and 22 Christopher Lane, subject to the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act.

By Order of Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman
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Fire Wise...

by Fire Chief David Pisano

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As the temperatures drop, the number of residential fires goes up. The Agawam Fire Department wants you to have a worry-free winter by taking the following precautions:

Before the home heating season begins, have a qualified serviceman inspect your furnace and change the filters. Make sure that all papers, trash, and flammable liquids are kept away from the furnace area.

If you have a fireplace or wood stove that you use for home heating, make sure it's cleaned and inspected by a qualified chimney sweep. Burn only dry, well-seasoned hard woods such as oak, hickory and maple. Avoid wood that is green and moist.

When using your fireplace, make sure the opening is covered with a metal screen or glass doors, and never leave a fire unattended. A wood stove should have a minimum clearance of 36 inches between the stove and combustible walls and ceilings.

Flammable liquids should never be used to start or accelerate any fire. Place ashes in a metal container and store outside away from the house.

Portable space heaters, electric or kerosene, also need special attention. Make sure there is a minimum of 36 inches of clearance on all sides of these heaters. Small children should not be left unattended in a room with a portable heater.

Follow the manufacturer's suggestions for proper operation and maintenance. Keep kerosene stored in approved metal containers in a well-ventilated area outside the house, and never attempt to refuel a heater while it's operating or hot.

Frozen water pipes? Never try to thaw them with a torch or other open flame. Use hot water or UL-labeled device for thawing.

Assist the fire department by keeping fire hydrants near your home clear of snow, so in the event of a fire, the hydrant can be easily located.

Make sure there are operating smoke detectors on each level of your home. Your family should have and practice a home fire escape plan.

Contact the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2662 if you have any questions or for additional information.

Keenan Says Increased Education Funding Will Help To Improve Agawam Schools

The last four consecutive years of full funding for the Education Reform Law have provided the Agawam School District with increased funds to implement the reforms, according to State Representative Daniel F. Keenan. Chapter 70 Aid to the school district has shown a steady increase, with a striking increase in fiscal year 1997 of 10.79 percent. This funding translates to 42.36 percent of the overall school budget.

With the Legislature providing its continued support to the local school districts, Agawam has begun funding long-awaited programs. The influx of state education funds allowed the Town to allocate \$475,000 in this year's budget to postponed improvements and updating in the school system. Of that amount, \$300,000 is earmarked for

computers and computer-related equipment, \$75,000 for the purchase of school furniture, and the remaining \$100,000 for the acquisition of textbooks, educational software and other instructional material.

"The Agawam schools have benefited from the Legislature's commitment to education," stated Rep. Keenan.

"Along with the continued increases in Chapter 70 funding, our passage of the Education and Information Technology Bond authorization will assist Agawam to fund computerization and technology programs. We have taken decisive action to help educate our students so that they can compete successfully in the marketplace," Rep. Keenan concluded.

Agawam Police Dept. ARREST BLOTTER

On September 8, 1996, Geri M. Nelson of 35 Christopher Lane, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with an outstanding warrant.

On September 8, 1996, Paul F. Geng of 95 Riviera Drive, Agawam, was arrested and charged with domestic assault & battery.

On September 10, 1996, Joseph Albano of 44 Tannery Road, Southwick, was arrested and charged with an outstanding warrant.

On September 11, 1996, Eric Lacombe of 9 Riverview Avenue, Agawam, was arrested and charged with driving an unregistered motor vehicle, driving after suspension, and an outstanding warrant.

On September 14, 1996, Raymond J. Couture of 135 Country Road, Agawam, was arrested and charged with an outstanding warrant.

On September 14, 1996, Thomas Switalski of 26 Amherst Avenue, Agawam, was arrested and charged with driving after revocation.

On September 14, 1996, Edwin Vega of 1450 Dwight Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with shoplifting.

On September 14, 1996, Geraldo Soledad of 1563 Dwight Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with shoplifting.

On September 14, 1996, Theodore Pinkerman of 30 Raymond Circle, Agawam, was arrested and charged with an outstanding warrant.

On September 14, 1996, Michael J. Pepin of 100 Sheri Lane, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with operating after suspension.

On September 15, 1996, Barry Butler of 320 Park Street, West Springfield, was arrested and charged with two outstanding warrants.

Please remember that our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you!

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— Obituaries —

Irene J. Goulet

Irene J. (Myers) Goulet, 82, of 27 Jonquil Drive, Springfield, died in Mercy Hospital. She was a demonstrator at the former S.S. Kresge department store and the former downtown F.W. Woolworth Co.

She was also one of the originators of the former Springfield Lioness Club, holding several offices, including president. A lifelong resident of Springfield, she was a communicant of St. Patrick's Church.

She leaves her husband of 61 years, Alfred C. Goulet; a son, Ronald C. of Feeding Hills; two daughters, Carol I. Semanie of Northfield and Sharron E. Rinaldi of Sandwich; 14 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was at Agawam Funeral Home and in the church, with burial in Gate of Heaven Cemetery, both in Springfield. Memorial contributions may be made to the church, 1900 Allen St., Springfield, 01118, or to the Mercy Hospital Development Fund, 271 Carew St., Springfield, 01104.

William D. Crane

William D. Crane, 78, of 775 North West Street, Feeding Hills, died at home.

He was a truck driver for the town of Agawam for 12 years and retired in 1983. He also worked at the former Elmer D. Litch Moving Co. in Springfield for several years.

Born in Haverhill, he was an Army Air Forces veteran of World War II. He moved to Feeding Hills 36 years, and was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church.

He belonged to the American Legion Post 185 and the Polish-American Club.

He leaves two brothers, Robert F. (with whom he lived) and George E. of Agawam; two sisters, Madeline M. Sleeper and Arlene T. Garvey of Agawam; and nieces and nephews.

The funeral was held at Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home and the church, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Home Community Health Services, 140 Hazard Avenue, Enfield, CT 06082.

Fred J. Lawson

Fred J. Lawson, 87, of 20 Edward Street, Agawam, died in the Holyoke Soldiers' Home.

He worked at the former U.S. Envelope Co. in Springfield (now Westvaco Corp.) for 42 years, and retired in 1974.

Born in Lancashire, England, he was a lifelong area resident.

He was a Navy veteran of World War II, and served with the 105th Seabee Battalion in the South Pacific.

He was a parishioner of Our Lady of the Rosary Church in Springfield, and a member of the Polish-American Club in Agawam and the Golden Agers (Chapter 1).

His first wife, the former Jennie Statkun, died in 1971.

He leaves his second wife, the former Anna Drenowski; a son, Arthur, and daughter, Gail Curnow, of Agawam; two stepdaughters, Cynthia Morrison of Richmond, and Barbara Kapinos of South Hadley; nine grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be held Friday morning, September 20th, at Colonial Funeral Home, and the church, with burial in Hillcrest Park Cemetery, both in Springfield. Calling hours are set for Thursday, September 19th, during the afternoon and evening.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Soldiers' Home, 110 Cherry Street, Holyoke, MA 01040, or the church at 28 Underwood Street, Springfield, MA 01104.

The Veterans' Corner...

by Ruth C. Bitzas
Veterans' Agent

Town Hall — 786-0400, Ext. 236

Benefits That Veterans And Their Dependents May Be Entitled To

This first edition of the Veterans' Corner will be to introduce veterans to the benefits that they and their dependents may be entitled to.

For 133 years since 1861, from its first commitments to Civil War veterans and their spouses and dependents, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has demonstrated solid concern and compassion for those men and women who have displayed sacrifice, valor, and duty when their state and nation called upon them.

It supports a network of services and benefits to ensure that none of the 500,000 veterans in the state today who served in time of war or their dependents will go hungry or be homeless or medically deprived.

In 1946, the Massachusetts Legislature created the office of Veterans' Services and formalized Chapter 115 of the General Laws.

The mission of the Department of Veterans' Services is to advocate on behalf of all veterans and to provide quality service and benefits to those veterans and their dependents in the need of emergency financial and medical assistance.

Under the administration of the Department of Veterans' Services, Veterans' Agents through the City and Town Halls provide this emergency assistance. These agents are available to assist

in matters of federal veterans' affairs compensation, pension, benefits, and all other services to veterans. The Veterans' Agent is normally the first individual whom veterans approach for advice and assistance.

Remember, women are veterans, too! Women, like men who served in the military services, can be potentially eligible for a variety of veterans' benefits. Veterans' Services assists women veterans and offers the same equal access to areas of assistance and benefits that are available to other veterans.

Being a veteran does not make entitlements automatic. The eligibility to receive entitlements from the Department of Veterans' Services and from Veterans' Affairs must be determined and shown. The local Veterans' Agents and Directors of Veterans' Services will assist veterans and their dependents in securing benefits and entitlements that they are entitled to receive. That is the responsibility of the Veterans' Services.

In the weeks ahead, the future columns will consist of important information that has become available for the benefit of veterans, as well as the answers to the most commonly asked questions. (Next - "Dates Of Eligibility.")

State Rep. Candidate Magovern Supports Curriculum Audit

State Representative candidate Robert Magovern recently expressed his support for an audit of the curriculum of the Agawam School System.

Magovern stated that he was, "very concerned about the poor SAT scores posted by the Agawam school students relative to the state average. SAT scores are used as one of the tools to evaluate students for acceptance to college, therefore below average scores will have a significant effect on the future of our students."

Magovern went on to say that his support of an audit "is not meant to assess blame, but rather, an effort to find out if there are better ways to serve the needs of our students. Those running the system should always be open to learning new ideas and to exploring ways to improve the quality of the education provided to our students. An independent audit whose goal is to make an

objective assessment of how we educate our children and to suggest ways to improve the process, should be welcomed by parents, teachers, and administrators, all of whom are concerned about the future for Agawam students."

Magovern stated, "My mother was a longtime teacher in the Agawam School System who taught me the value of a good education. I have never forgotten that lesson. The education of our children should be a top priority of our government, therefore we should never stop striving to improve the quality of the educational system."

"The state government has an obligation to insure adequate funding for our schools, and the local school system has an obligation to insure that the money received from the state is being used as effectively as possible," concluded Magovern.

LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with Article 8, Section 8-1(b) of the Agawam Town Charter, the Agawam City Council will conduct a public hearing on Monday, October 7, 1996 at 7:30 P.M. at the Agawam Middle School, 68 Main Street, Agawam, MA in regards to the formation of an elected Charter Review Commission. Such a commission would

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study making any changes in the City Council as well as any additions or revisions to the Town Charter.

Ursula Retzler
Clerk of the Council

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Keenan Adds Support For Larger Tax Cut

State Representative Daniel F. Keenan has announced his support of an increased individual tax cut. The Commonwealth has an extra \$84 million left over from the recently completed fiscal year, and these funds can be returned to the taxpayers.

These funds are in addition to the \$150 million expected earlier this year that is to provide tax relief to Massachusetts taxpayers. The \$234 million in total will be paid out in the form of a 52 percent increase in the personal exemption allowed on next year's tax returns. Married couples may expect to save about \$135 on their tax returns. The savings will amount to about \$105 for heads of households, and single taxpayers will save \$67.

"The Legislature has worked cooperatively over the last five years to assure the health of the state's finances," stated Rep. Keenan. "The taxpayers should reap the benefits of the positive results of our prudent management and teamwork."

"Friends" Of Senior Ctr. Seeking Nominees For Friendship Award

The Friends of the Agawam Senior Center is seeking nominations for its annual Friendship Award. The award honors an outstanding individual who best exemplifies the spirit of volunteerism on behalf of Agawam's seniors.

If you know of someone who has helped to benefit the lives of our senior citizens and the Senior Center, please consider submitting his/her name in nomination for the Friendship Award.

The recipient must be an Agawam resident and at least 60 years of age. Married couples will be considered.

Applications will be mailed upon request or may be picked up at the Agawam Senior Center from Sandra Smith. Closing date for nominations is October 1, 1996.

Westfield Savings Bank Holding Open House For Joan Brouillette

Westfield Savings Bank will be holding an open house in the Agawam branch on Thursday, September 26, 1996 to give their customers the opportunity to say farewell to their branch manager, Joan Brouillette, who is retiring after 27 years of dedicated service.

Refreshments will be served throughout the day, and entertainment will be provided by Libby Campo on the piano between 3:00 and 5:00 p.m.

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THE PIONEER GROUP is sponsoring a free public service workshop entitled "Mortgages ... What the Banks Don't Tell You." It will be held Saturday morning, September 28th, between the hours of 10:00 and 11:30 a.m. at the West Springfield Professional Center, 1111 Elm Street, Suite 21, in West Springfield.

Topics to be discussed include the various government federal loan programs that are currently available to first-time and move-up home buyers; understanding points and closing costs and how to minimize these fees; understanding seller contributions; the difference between a bank and a mortgage company and which one offers the better value; and much more.

The information contained in this 90-minute seminar may save today's first-time and move-up buyers thousands of dollars. Speakers at the workshop will include Donald Thompson, a principal of **THE PIONEER GROUP**, and Raymond Rose, a retired mortgage banker.

The workshop is free of charge and reservations are suggested (their last seminar was filled to capacity). For more information, please listen to the recorded info message at 846-0981; and for reservations, please dial 731-6800.

Those that attend the workshop will receive a free copy of their credit report along with an application for a free mortgage pre-approval.

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Families

Ruth & Willis Parady Celebrate 72nd Wedding Anniversary

by Peggy Shoemaker
Advertiser News Feature Writer

Sunday, September 16th was an extra special day for Ruth and Willis Parady of 7 Ruth Avenue, Agawam. It was their 72nd wedding anniversary as well as Mrs. Parady's birthday.

In the quiet manner natural to them, there were no big celebration plans (partly because of illness in the family and primarily because this couple needs no hoopla to be aware of how fortunate they are).

The couple were married in Randolph, Vermont, where Ruth grew up. They are the parents of Ruth Birchall of Main Street, Agawam, and they have two grandchildren who live in Enfield and Bristol, Connecticut. The couple also has three great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. The younger family members live in Connecticut.

Mr. Parady grew up in Chicopee Falls and the family moved to Randolph, Vermont, when the factory his dad was superintendent of moved to Vermont. This is where the couple met, but later the Parady family came to Springfield with the father's business.

Ruth and Willis wed in Randolph and lived in Springfield before purchasing a new house on Ruth Avenue, Agawam, in the 1950's. The area was just being built up, and Willis likes to say (with a twinkle in his eye) that the street was named after his wife and daughter. His wife denies it. Instead of their house being number 1, denoting the first on the street, it was named number 7 for good luck.

Mrs. Parady was proud to be a homemaker and her husband is proud of her. "She was a homemaker and a childraiser," he said, "and she did an excellent job of it."

As manager of the Springfield Paramount Theater in the Flapper era (1920's), he said he had to review every motion picture and approve them before they could be shown. The state issued licenses to theater managers, he explained, and if

something objectionable was shown a manager could lose his license. He added that he learned a lot about life from all the movies he reviewed.

At the theater, he made a contact with Pratt and Whitney and worked with the aircraft company for many years as an inspector. He shows the watch he was given upon retirement in April 1968.

Ruth is proper and pretty; Willis is happy and witty; and they are both alert and friendly.

The Agawam Senior Center celebrated Ruth's birthday at the monthly celebration for persons born within the month. The celebrants were seated at a designated table and a meal was served. This included a cake with a candle on each piece.

At the same time the center noted the 72nd anniversary of the Paradys by presenting each of them with a pink carnation corsage.

The couple say they have never been joiners, but they belong to Chapter II of the Agawam Golden Agers and visit the Senior Center several times a week. Ruth feels that faith has a lot to do with a happy life, and she attends St. John the Evangelist Church in Agawam Center.

They both feel the most contributing factor to their long, happy marriage is that they don't fight. Ruth says she refuses to argue and Willis says they discuss, with each of them having their say before any decisions are made.

The couple are in good health, although they readily admit they do have their days. They are affectionate and like to hold hands, and are quick to praise the good care the other one takes of him/her.

In the year ahead, the Paradys do not plan any trips. "We are too old for that," Ruth says. "We take and enjoy each day as it comes along."

They radiate their pleasure in what they consider their greatest blessing — being together.



RUTH & WILLIS PARADY of Ruth Avenue, Agawam, celebrated their 72nd wedding anniversary on Sunday, September 16th.

Polish American Club's Women's Auxiliary Accepting Applications For Crafts Fair

Applications are now being accepted for the 14th Annual Craft Fair on November 9th at the Polish American Club of Agawam, 139 Southwick Street, Feeding Hills, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.,

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JOSEPH & RITA CONTE

Joseph & Rita Conte Celebrate Their 50th Anniversary

Joseph and Rita Conte celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, September 14th. They were married at St. Theresa's Church in North Agawam in 1946.

Joe and Rita attended Agawam High School together, and later worked at Westinghouse together.

They have three sons, Joseph, Louis, and John, and are blessed with nine wonderful grandchildren.

Joe is presently retired from the Agawam Building Department, where he worked for 23 years. Rita (formerly Rita Letendre) keeps very busy enjoying her grandchildren.

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50th Anniversary Recently Celebrated By Mr. & Mrs. Case

Mr. & Mrs. Manning Case of Agawam recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with family and friends at the Sons of Erin in Westfield.

Manning and Eleanor were married on June 22, 1946 at Holy Name Church in Springfield.

They are the parents of Peggy Reardon of Westfield, Ellen LaMagdelaine of North Carolina, and Tim and Stew of Agawam. They also have five grandchildren.

Manning and Eleanor Case are both retired teachers. Manning taught at West Springfield High School, the former Tech High School, and Western New England College. Eleanor taught at the Danahy and Phelps Elementary Schools in Agawam.

Among the guests at their anniversary celebration were Elizabeth Colleton of Monson (sister of Eleanor and maid-of-honor) and James Hennrikus of Watertown (cousin of Eleanor and best man).

West Spfld./Agawam Emblem Club To Hold Penny Social In Oct.

The West Springfield/Agawam Emblem Club No. 526 will be holding a Penny Social on Thursday, October 3rd, at 7:00 p.m. at the Elks Club, 428 Morgan Road, West Springfield.

Come and join the Club for a night of fun. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m., so come early and browse.

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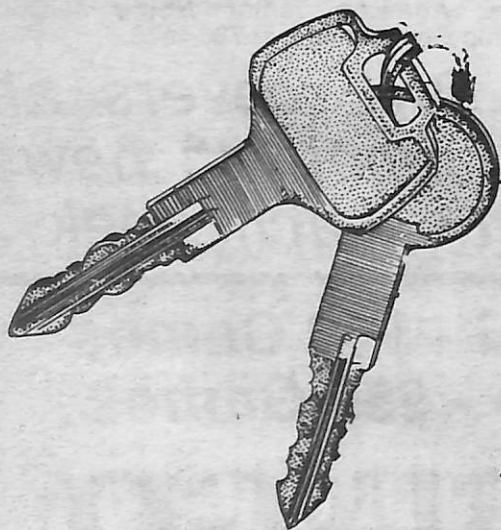
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Michelle M. Desilets Weds Anatoly Shnaider

Michelle Marie Desilets, the daughter of Robert A. and Pamela M. Desilets of 85 Maynard Street, Feeding Hills, became the bride of Anatoly Shnaider on May 31, 1996, at a 6:30 p.m. ceremony. The groom is the son of Eduard and Regina Shnaider of Enfield, CT.

The wedding and reception were held at the Wistariahurst Museum.

The bride is a graduate of Agawam High School and Holyoke Community College. She is currently attending Touro College in Long Island for her Master's in Occupational Therapy.

The groom is a graduate of Enrico Fermi of Enfield and Syracuse University. He is currently a Social Insurance Specialist for the Social Security Administration of Brooklyn, and is attending Hofstra University for his MBA in Banking and Finance.

The couple are currently residing in Franklin Square, New York.

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ADVERTISER NEWS

Joan Goodnough Of Agawam Wins \$95,000 On "Bonus Bonanza"

Although Joan Goodnough of Agawam may not win an Emmy Award, she put in an outstanding performance on the lottery game show, **BONUS BONANZA**. The good news was that Goodnough's performance was no act and she won \$95,000 as a contestant on the show.

Goodnough relived her television thrill on Saturday, August 31st, when the show aired on WGGB-TV, Channel 40. Since winning, Goodnough has been able to use the money to help her business.

There are 27 contestants on **BONUS BONANZA**. Three of these contestants are randomly selected to come on stage and participate in a different "**BONUS BONANZA**" round. At the end of the show, these three contestants return to play the 'bonus game' **BONANZA**.

Goodnough was selected to play the first round game, **FORCEFIELD**, which consists of a magnetized pendulum swinging above a board. The board is separated into 10 pie-shaped sections, with each section revealing prize amounts. During the course of the game, some of these amounts will be replaced by "Lose Half" or "Wipe Out" designations as well as higher dollar amounts.

The contestant gets three turns, but after every turn the contestant can walk away with the money or try to win more. Goodnough won \$10,000 on her first turn, \$5,000 on her second turn, and \$60,000 on her last turn.

Goodnough returned later in the show to participate in the bonus round, **KNOCKOUT**, which is played using three cylinders and a bouncing cube. Each contestant randomly selects a different colored cylinder that is standing erect on top of a section which hides random money amounts from \$7,500 to \$200,000. In order for the contestant to win the money, the cylinder must still be standing after 30 seconds.

Goodnough's cylinder was the only one left standing and, as a result, her hidden section revealed \$20,000. Goodnough was the star of the show, after totaling \$95,000 on the show.

BONUS BONANZA airs on WGGB-TV, Channel 40, every Saturday night at 7:30 p.m.

Agawam/Feeding Hills AARP To Hold Mtg. On September 23rd

The Agawam/Feeding Hills chapter of AARP will resume their regular monthly meetings on September 23rd at 1:00 p.m. at the Agawam Senior Center.

All those 50 years of age and older and a member of the national AARP are welcome.

Please plan to attend our meeting, which will be presided over by our new president, Pauline Paquette.

Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, September 23rd: Country pie (hamburger, rice, cheese, tomato), tossed salad, rye bread, vanilla pudding.

Tuesday, September 24th: Pea soup, ham salad on a roll, pickle, potato puffs, mixed fruit.

Wednesday, September 25th: Meatloaf with gravy, mashed potato, mixed vegetables, rye bread, jello w/fruit.

Thursday, September 26th: French meat pie, scalloped potatoes, carrots, wheat bread, canned apricots.

Friday, September 27th: Tomato soup, egg salad on a roll, broccoli salad, pineapple chunks.

(Menu subject to change without notice.)

Membership Party & Open House Set By Ag. Junior Women

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Club social events include a monthly Fun Night (for members and their significant others) and Craft Nights for members. We also have family activities such as an Easter Party for the children and an annual Family Cookout.

Monthly meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Captain Charles Leonard House at 663 Main Street in Agawam.

If you're interested, please join us at our Open House/Membership Party on Thursday, October 3rd. It will be held at the Captain Charles Leonard House from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Members will be available to answer questions and discuss club activities. Come see if this is the organization for you.

If you have any questions, please call Stephanie, Agawam Junior Women's Club Membership Chairwoman, at 786-4578.

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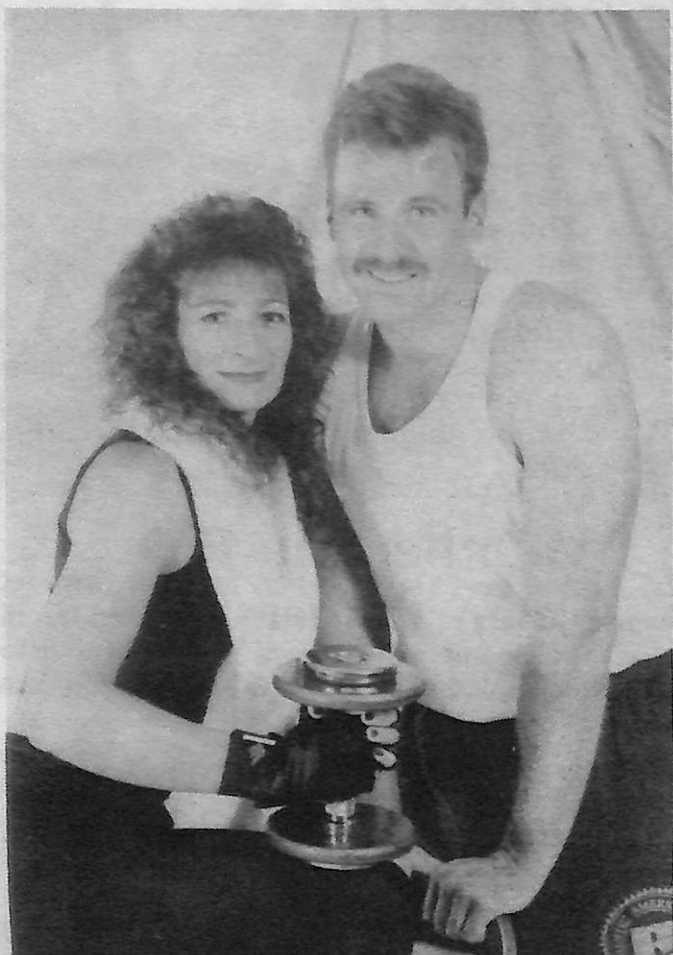
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Agawam American Legion Recognizes Officers



OUTGOING AGAWAM AMERICAN LEGION Commander Mario A. L'Archeveque presents past Commander George Brown (left) with a "Gold Life Membership Card" for his years of service to the American Legion. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Ag. Public Library Has Reading For Fun & Pumpkins

The Agawam Library invites elementary school-aged children to join a month-long reading incentive program. Agawam and Feeding Hills kids, who read at least two age-appropriate books during the month of October, will be invited to a pumpkin party on Saturday, October 26th, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Pick up an entry form at the library at 750 Cooper Street beginning September 23rd and record the two favorite books you read during the month. Return your entry by October 25th and you can add your name to the party sign-up sheet.

Only reading program participants in grades one and up will be eligible to come to the party.



NEW OFFICERS of the Agawam American Legion Post for 1996-1997 include, from left -Glenn Seymour, adjunct; Paul Pigeon, sergeant-of-arms; Louis Russo, chaplain; Dennis Ward, finance officer; Mark A. Avis, department vice-commander; Kevin W. LeClerc, senior vice-commander; Mario A. L'Archeveque, outgoing commander; and Jay O'Sullivan, incoming commander. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



NEW WOMEN OFFICERS of the Agawam American Legion for 1996-1997 include, from left - Ethyl Pigeon, executive board; Paula Seinard, secretary; Debbie Baker, director; Carole O'Sullivan, incoming president; and Peg Brown, outgoing president. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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STATE REP. DANIEL F. KEENAN (center) recently appeared at the installation of officers for 1996-1997 at the Agawam American Legion Post. Keenan is pictured with outgoing Commander Mario A. L'Archeveque (left) and incoming Commander Jay O'Sullivan. RELATED PHOTOS ON PREVIOUS PAGE.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Ag./West Side Toastmaster Club To Host Speech Contest

The Agawam/West Side Toastmasters Club will be hosting an area speech contest featuring humorous story and table topics on Thursday, September 26th, at Country Estates Nursing & Rehab Center, Route 75, Agawam.

The contest will begin at 7:00 p.m. Please call 789-1366 for more information.

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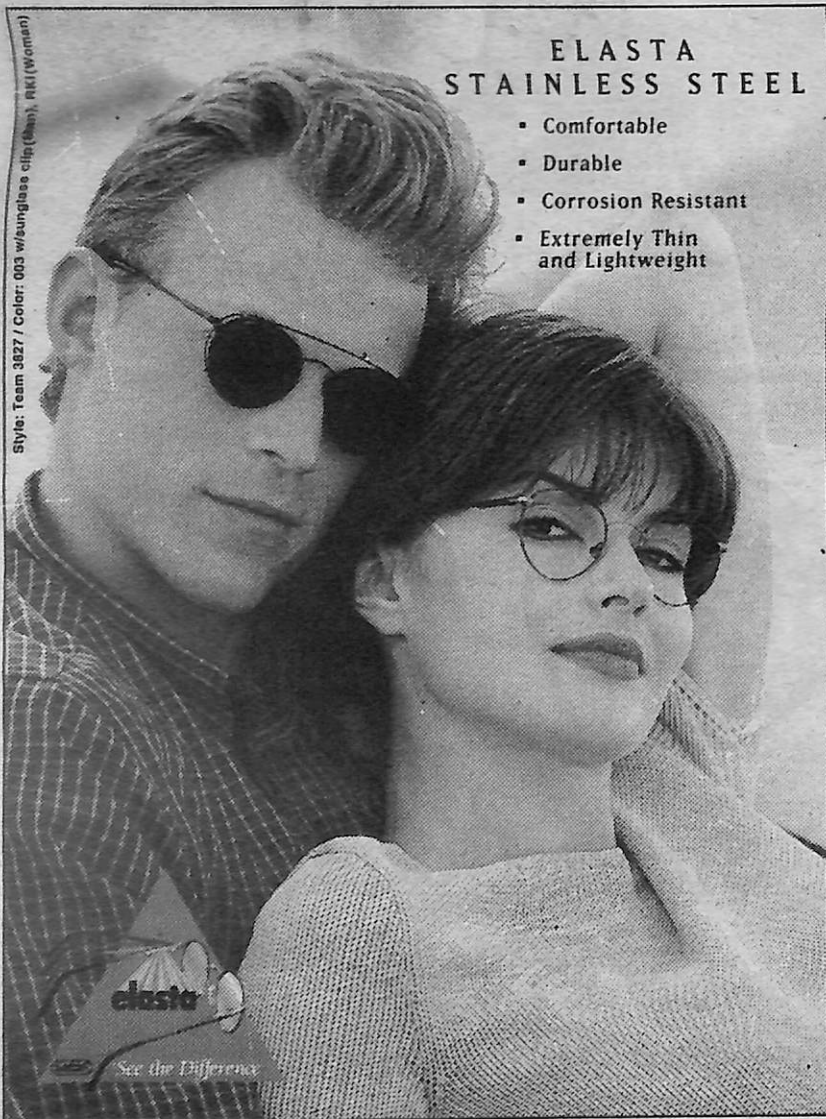
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Agawam Garden Club Calls 1st Flower Show Big Success

by Peggy Shoemaker
Advertiser News Feature Writer

Approximately 130 floral arrangements and horticultural exhibits lined the walls of the meeting room of the Agawam Garden Club for a flower show on Tuesday, September 10th, at the Captain Charles Leonard House. They were continued into the dining room in fragrant beauty.

This was the first flower competition that the local club had in five years and because of its success, the club hopes to have one every two years.

Blue, red, and yellow ribbons were awarded in each class for first, second, and third places, and white ribbons were given for honorable mentions. Twenty-one club members exhibited, most of them in several classes.

Club President Pauline Mortenson, who was also co-chairwoman of the show, said she was impressed with the quality of the work done by members, by the amount of participation, and the excitement of all those who attended, especially the new members.

"It showed an incredible amount of talent and creativity," she said, "and a lot of work." She especially praised Barbara Farrington, co-chairwoman, for organization and setting up the show, and the committee and members who just showed up to help.

Mrs. Farrington said there were 50 arrangements submitted in the artistic division, which had 12 classes, and more than 70 were entered in the horticultural division. She points out that this show entitled "Mother Earth's Floral Show" was not a federated garden show. It is judged strictly on its own by rules set up by the membership.

Tables were set-up and covered, and members entered their arrangements between 2:00 and 5:00 p.m. Members then left and the judges made their awards after 6:00 p.m. Members returned at 7:30 p.m. for the monthly meeting.

Copies of the history of the club, which started in 1934, and the club's constitution and bylaws were distributed. There were several guests, and judges stayed for refreshments, viewing, and discussing of the entries.

The Artistic And Horticultural Divisions...

The Artistic Division had 12 classes, ranging from Sunny Days (using predominantly yellow flowers) to Mini-World (miniature arrangements of less than five inches, including container), Garden Bounty, Woodland (including dish gardens and dried flowers), and Country Crafts.

The Horticultural Division had seven classes and ranged from fruits, vegetables, shrubs and trees, bulbs, roses, annuals, biennials, and perennials, as well as flower heads.

Judges in the Artistic Division were Maria Armitage and Dorothy Randolph. Judging the Horticultural Division were Dorothy and Norman Jenks.

Terry Angotti planned refreshments and was assisted by Elaine Smith, Leah Nesin, and Nancy Smith. The show committee included Barbara Pemberton, Barbara Gagnon, Judith Cline, Dorothy Brown, and Betty James.

For some members it was the first time they exhibited, and for some it was the first flower show they ever attended. "None of us are professionals," Mrs. Farrington said. "We are all learning and sharing, and that is what makes it fun."

THE AGAWAM GARDEN CLUB held its first Flower Show at the Captain Charles Leonard House on Tuesday, September 10th. This was the first flower competition that the local club had in five years. The club hopes to have one every two years. Pictured are some of the floral arrangements by the club members. Advertiser News

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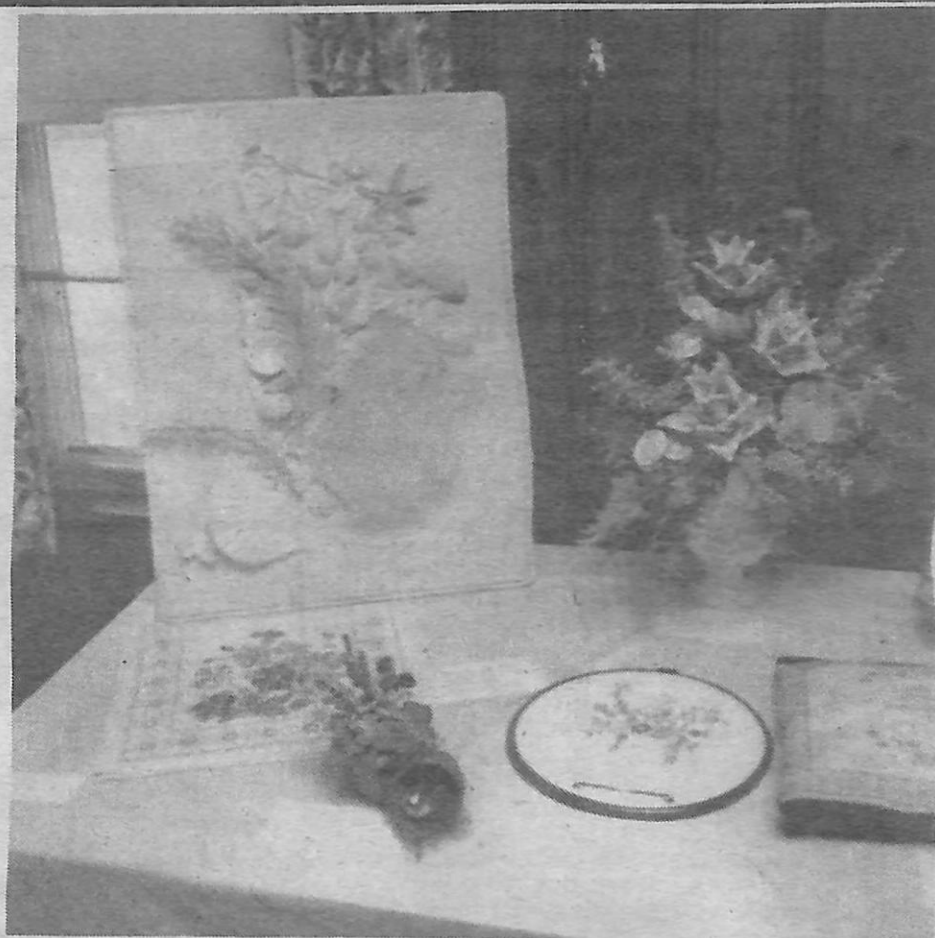
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On Friday, October 4th, we will open at 5:00 p.m. Food will be available throughout the evening. "The Vagabonds" will be with us to provide music for our dancing and listening pleasure from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m.

On Saturday, October 5th, we will open at 12:00 noon. Music will be provided by "Leo Murawski" in the Cafe/Weingarten from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. for dancing and listening pleasure. Craft demonstrations will be held hourly beginning at 1:00 p.m. To date, we have Kurt Strehl, demonstrating working with copper; Rudy Bayerle, demonstrating the making of violins; and Bill Wigham, showing us the art of making hats.

Our gymnastic classes will be demonstrating some of their skills.

In the evening, we will be entertained by the sounds of "City Lights." They will be playing from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m. Food will be available all day and through the evening.

We invite all to join us to celebrate this weekend. Come get acquainted with the facilities and obtain more background on the German culture. We hope that many former members will come down to see us and renew acquaintances.

Advance tickets are on sale for \$3 each. Tickets at the gate will be \$4.

If you wish more information, please call the Club after 4:00 p.m. at 786-0924.

Ag. Women's Club Making Plans For 70th Anniversary

The executive committee of the Agawam Women's Club (established in 1926) recently began its 70th year by preparing for their meeting on Monday, September 23rd at the Captain Charles Leonard House.

The club welcomes new members. The meetings are every fourth Monday of each month September through April and are held at the Captain Charles Leonard House on Main Street in Agawam.

Some of the upcoming monthly programs are: Dr. Tami Nelson and "Holiday Stress Busters," a demonstration of jewelry making, and "It's Magic" with Wayne Ball. The club also performs charitable functions such as: donating items for the veterans at Holyoke Soldiers Home, and collecting canned goods for the needy at Thanksgiving to name just a few.

The club will also be presenting a fashion show in March to be held at Oak Ridge Country Club to help raise money for scholarships (details will be announced in the future).

Anyone who may be interested in becoming a member or attending a meeting may call Joanne Willis, President, at 789-1360 for further information.

Cub Pack 75 To Continue Sign-Ups At Sacred Heart

Don't fear, we are always here at Sacred Heart Parish Social Center.

At Cub Pack 75, we never close our registrations; we are open all year long for anyone wishing to join our Scouting family.

First grade — Tiger Cubs; second grade — Wolf; third grade — Bear; fourth grade — first-year Webelos; and fifth grade — second-year Webelos.

If you have a friend that wants to join with you, just bring him and his and your parents along. Earn a recruiter patch for bringing in a friend or two.

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Leave message if there is no answer, and we will get back to you just as soon as we can. Thank you.

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Polish American Club Bingo Donates \$1,000 To COA Van Fund

The Polish American Club Bingo has donated \$1,000 to the Council on Aging Van Fund. The COA is trying to raise funds towards replacing its present van, which has nearly 15,000 miles on it.

Charles Heyl, Chairman of the Van Committee, was on hand to accept the donation.

"Regardless of what the PVTA does in the future, the COA will always need to provide some transportation," stated Heyl.

Beginning in 1997, the PVTA will privatize the present elder services provided now by Senior Centers.

Cub Pack 75 To Hold Bottle Drive In Oct.

Cub Pack 75 of Sacred Heart Church is going to hold a bottle drive from October 26th-29th. We would appreciate it very much if members of the community would save their soda cans and recyclable soda bottles for us. We are trying to raise money for the pack.

We will be at Dave's Soda & Pet City all day on October 26th to collect these items. Also, we will be at Sacred Heart Parish Center every Wednesday night, starting September 11th, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

If you need them picked up, just call 786-2309. If there is no answer, leave message and your telephone number; we will get back to you.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Ag. Cultural Council Planning Trip To NYC On Saturday, Nov. 16

The Agawam Cultural Council will have a New York City bus trip on Saturday, November 16th. Anyone interested in tickets may send a check and a stamped, self-addressed envelope to council member Geraldine Ann Schilling-Nordal, 760 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA 01001.

Please make the check payable to the Agawam Cultural Council. Tickets will be returned in the stamped, self-addressed envelope. The price per person is \$18 and is non-refundable.

Departure time will be at 6:25 a.m. from the Agawam High School parking lot. This will allow sufficient time for interested parties to purchase half-price tickets to selected Broadway shows.

The bus will stop at the Metropolitan Museum of Fine Arts, Rockefeller Center, Times Square (theater ticket booths), 34th Street Macy's, and the 14th Street South Street Seaport.

Time and place of departure from New York will be 6:30 p.m. near Radio City Music Hall. There will be no stops on the trip down or back; bring your own snacks.

Arrival home at Agawam High School will be approximately 9:30 p.m. If there are any questions, please call Linda Lazarus at 786-2335.

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AT THE RIVERSIDE AMUSEMENT PARK "Fall Job Fair," Games Manager Chris Bourgeois (top photo) interviews Matt Normand; IN PHOTO BELOW, Foods Manager Carol Gomes interviews Robert Thomas. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



RIVERSIDE AMUSEMENT PARK recently held a "Fall Job Fair" for late summer and through the busy Halloween weekends in October. IN TOP PHOTO, Jessie Scott and Laura Dion fill-out applications; IN PHOTO BELOW, Pete Shannon, Entertainment manager; Peggy Webb, personnel administrator; and Jason Freeman, director of General Services are pictured at the recent "Fall Job Fair." Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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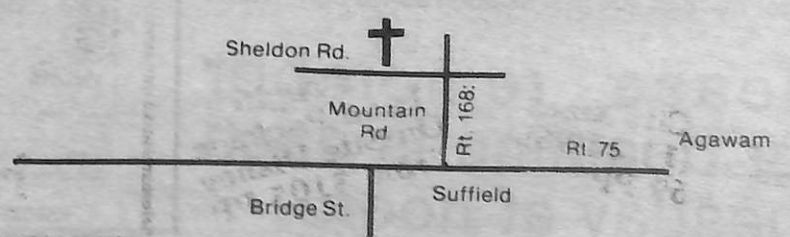


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Country Estates Celebrates 2nd Anniversary



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Stearns & Yerrall Have "On Site" Expo

Stearns & Yerrall, Inc. Realtors will be sponsoring an "On-Site" New Construction Expo on Sunday, September 22, 1996.

Anyone thinking of building their dream home will want to attend this free seminar. Find out how to make your dream home a reality and question area professionals on all areas of new construction including land development, laying the foundation, building structure, electrical work, plumbing, landscaping, decorating and financing, and meet site managers from 10 local New Construction subdivisions.

The New Construction Expo is scheduled for September 22, 1996 at 12:00 p.m. It will be held at "The Plantation," 18T Sunnyside Road. Seating will be limited; call (413) 786-4408 for reservation and directions.

Westfield Riding Club To Host Poker Ride

The Westfield Riding Club is holding its first Annual Poker Ride October 13, 1996 (rain date: October 20th) starting at their facility on Fowler Road in Westfield.

Check in will be at 9:00 a.m. with coffee and doughnuts, a three-hour trail ride, followed by a chicken and spaghetti dinner.

Beginner through advanced riders are welcome. For more information, call Ruth at (413) 562-2181.



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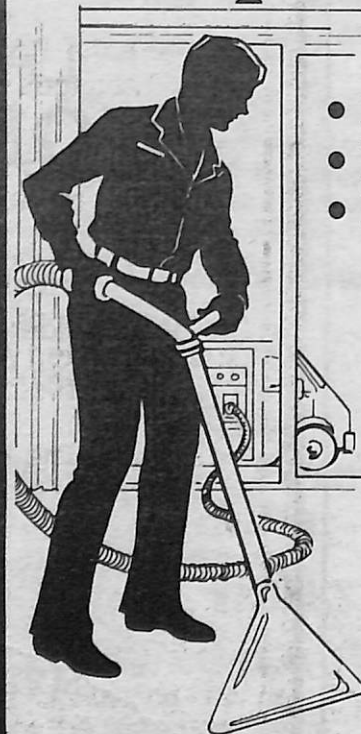
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Church News

Weekly Message Of Faith From Ag. United Methodist

by Reverend Reuben Telemaque
Pastor

The message of the church that *God loves all people* and wills that they may come to know him as Creator, Liberator, and Redeemer, is for everyone. The categorizing, labeling, or grouping of people is a judgement that is irrelevant and does not assist in the search for wholeness or salvation.

When the gospel says "whoever," it is sounding the most welcome news that any person may hear. This openness to all people was demonstrated in the life and practice of Jesus.

Scarcely is leprosy heard of today as a dreaded sickness; in Jesus' day, it was. No one dared to go near a leper, lest he or she, too, may suffer the same disease. Jesus touched lepers.

Modern medicine and science have brought us to a more reasonable and deliberate understanding of the mentally ill. Jesus ministered to such people with deep compassion and understanding long before our modern breakthroughs.

Social workers today think and work with the homeless, drug abusers, victims of child abuse, abused spouses, runaways, the uneducated, and many others who need assistance or support. We have come a long way from those days when the only relation established was ostracism. In that atmosphere, Jesus dined with the outcast and became a friend of publicans and sinners.

There is, however, always a price to be paid when our gospel is one that calls for the salvation of all. There is a price to be paid whenever we say, "Whoever will may come." Jesus was crucified on the grounds that he was a law-breaker. He healed people when it was prohibited by law.

The question we face is what kind of price are we prepared to pay as we call for the redemption and salvation of society. The Methodists always say, "Whoever will may come." Who is whoever?

Can you name them? Can you send these names to us, especially according to the labels we have put on, or the categories into which they have been placed?

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Ag. Congregational Still Taking Applications For Church School

This Sunday, September 22nd, is the 17th Sunday after Pentecost. The Worship Service is at 10:30 a.m. at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam.

Rev. Fuller's Sermon will be: "All Things Bright and Beautiful!" taken from the Text: Psalm 105:1-6. The Children's Message will be: What's beautiful to you?

This Sunday is also Youth Sunday with the fourth, fifth, and sixth grade classes leading and participating in the Worship Service.

THE CHURCH SCHOOL enrollment is 100 in grades preschool through 12th grade. Fall enrollment is still underway, so please call the church office.

Thanks to the hard work over the summer of the Christian Education Committee, the church school is off to a fine start. The Christian Education members are Steve Tapply (Chair), Suanne Hansen, Debbie Markham, Nancy Pease, Ann Woodard, Jeanne Lewis, Jan Nooney, David Bertagnolli, Steve Lemire, and Deacon Representative Pam Gates.

The 7th through 12th grade meet at 9:15 a.m., and the three and four year-olds through sixth grade meet at 10:30 a.m. New this year, will be the three and four year-olds through third grade meeting in church with their teachers, parents/guardians to remain for the Children's Message.

Infants to two year-olds are welcome in the Nursery. The fourth through sixth grade will go directly downstairs to their Worship Center at 10:30 a.m.

The teachers and helpers for this year's program are as follows:

Crib Room Coordinators: Nancy Pease and Jeannie Lewis; teachers Holly Trombley and Adam Tapply. Three and four year-olds: Steve and Cindy Lemiere, Lucy Young, Sarah Hill, and Jennifer Rettew. Kindergarten: Jeannie Lewis, Helen Gates, Lisa Patnode, Judy Lefebvre, and Kim Sullivan.

First grade: Debbie Most, Heather Cassidy, and Lisa Buiso. Second grade: Dolores Martin, Laura Paul, Beverly Follis, and Michael Follis. Third

grade: Neil Ellsworth and Adam Ellsworth. Fourth grade: Steve Tapply.

Fifth and sixth grade: Gay McDyer. Seventh and eighth grade: Suanne Hansen. Ninth grade: Rev. Curt Fuller and Cindy Arnold. Tenth through 12th grade: Andy Pedersen.

Substitutes: Charlene Trombley, Diane Kibbe, and David Bertagnolli. Storytellers and Readers are Lindelee David, Beth Gallagher, Barbara Yeager, Jesse Fuller, Charlene Trombley, and Sally LaValley.

Church School Superintendent: Lindelee Davis. Asst. Superintendent: Suanne Hansen. Christian Education Director: Dan Pender.

The Youth Groups are beginning their fall schedule. Are you interested? We have four Youth Groups for all ages.

3*2*1*KONTACT for Kindergarten through third grade under the advisement of Laura Paul and Lisa Ruddock; 456 Club for fourth through sixth grade, led by Charlene Trombley; Jr. High for seventh and eighth graders with advisors Diane Jerserski and Andy Pedersen; Sr. High for all high school students under the direction of Diane and Stu Kibbe.

The 3*2*1*KONTACT will meet mostly the third Wednesday of the month. The 456 Club and Jr. High Youth Group meet every Friday night, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. The Sr. High will meet the first Sunday of the month from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Any questions? Call the church office, 786-7111.

The playgroups have begun. The groups meet on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.; newborns to kindergarten age are welcome to attend.

For more information concerning this group, contact the church office, 786-7111.

Country Line Dancing will begin on Friday, October 11th. The six-week program is beginner friendly.

Keep Friday nights open to join "Millie and the Gang."

Harvest Smorgasbord On Oct. 5th At Agawam Baptist Church

A harvest smorgasbord will be held at Agawam Baptist Church, corner of Main and Elm Streets, on Saturday, October 5th.

Servings will be at 4:45 and 6:15 p.m. The cost is \$7 for adults, and \$3 for children (under 10 years of age).

The menu will consist of a fruit cup, baked beans, baked ham, turkey, Swedish meatballs, American chop suey, harvest beets, green bean

casserole, sauerkraut, scalloped potato, cranberry salad, cole slaw, relish tray, rolls, homemade pies, and beverage (coffee, tea, or milk).

Reservations may be made by calling one of the following: Martha, 786-0337; Lois, 786-7045; or Norma, 786-8209.

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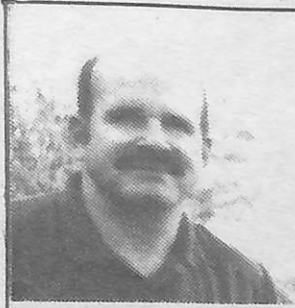
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Sharing The Focus Of Life

The Apostle Paul once wrote the following words: "If I live, it will be for Christ, and if I die, I will gain even more." With these words, Paul shared the focus of his life, which was to live for the doing of God's will. Paul explained the power of his life, which was the confidence that when he died, he would go to heaven.

The story of how the Apostle Paul became a Christian is told in the Book of Acts, in the ninth chapter. Paul was a very religious man, and had been all his life, but he was not a Christian. When he became Christian, the focus and power of Paul's life changed dramatically. Paul was a changed man after that. When Paul accepted Jesus Christ as his Savior and Lord, Paul fulfilled and completed his Judaism. Jesus Christ is the promised Messiah of the Hebrew Scriptures. Paul encountered Jesus Christ as he was desperately trying to obey the Law. Upon his conversion, Paul came to understand and appreciate that Jesus Christ is the fulfillment of the Law.

Each person's story will be different. For example, I was not a very religious person, although I was raised in a "spiritual" home. When I was in my early teens, my family became involved in what has become known as the "New Age" movement, before it was popular or chic. My mother embraced the teachings of Edgar Cayce, Bishop Pike, and others who, though claiming to be Christians, were actually promoting a form of Hinduism.

For several years I believed in reincarnation, which is based upon the false claim that people can eventually make themselves worthy to live in heaven. In conjunction with that, I believed I had lived several lives in the past, and was even connected to those lives through seances. We lived in a world of spiritual communications through Ouija boards and apparitions. Even with this enhanced form of spirituality, my life still lacked something. Like most people, I did not know what was missing, just that something was.

When I was 16, I went to a coffeehouse on a Friday night, which turned out to be a Christian coffeehouse. I had no idea when I went there that there was anything religious or spiritual going on. I went there for one reason; the same reason most teenage boys do anything: to meet girls. But God had a wonderful plan for me that evening. I met a man who conversed with me for several hours about Jesus. We talked about all sorts of spiritual things. At the end of the evening, he invited me to join his friends downstairs, where I found myself in a circle of people praying. I did not know what to do, so when it came my turn to pray, I said: "Jesus, if You are who these people say You are, please come into my life." At that moment, I felt His presence and knew He had answered my prayer.

Since that night 25 years ago, I have been a changed person, and I, too, live with aspirations like the Apostle Paul. There is nothing special about me. If God can do it for me, He can and will do it for anybody.

Grace Baptist Church In F.H. To Hold BBQ On October 6th

On Sunday, October 6th, Grace Baptist Church of Feeding Hills will be holding a "Get to know you BBQ" on the church grounds.

There is no cost for anyone attending as the BBQ is designed to help enable the church to meet residents from the community. The BBQ will begin at 1:00 p.m. and the public is invited to come and eat and chat...and meet the congregation and view the building.

The church is located on the east side of Route 187 at the Connecticut line. Please call the church office at (413) 821-0112 for details.

On Friday, October 11th, Grace Baptist Church will begin the AWANA youth program for youth beginning at age three and going through junior high.

The name AWANA, meaning "Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed," comes from Second Timothy 2:15, *Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*

The evening will run from 6:45-8:30 each Friday night throughout the school year. The church is located on the east side of Route 187 at the Connecticut line.

Please call the church office at (413) 821-0112.

First Annual "Father-Son" Banquet Set For Agawam Baptist Church On Sept. 21st

The first annual Father-Son banquet will be held on Saturday, September 21st, at 6:30 p.m. in Bodurtha Hall at First Baptist Church.

This will be an all-church participation event, reinforcing family relationships within the church. The covered dish supper will be followed at 7:30 p.m. by a slide show presentation by Henry LaFleur of his recent hike of the entire Appalachian Trail.

For last-minute reservations, call Mark McLaughlin, tel. 786-5339.

Pastor Richard Barnes' message this Sunday morning at the 9:30 a.m. worship service will be "Sharpening the Blade," with scriptural references from Hebrews 3:12 to 4:15.

Food and fellowship will follow the worship service in Davis Hall. Classes for all ages are available.

Two adult classes will be held this season: "Nuts and Bolts Christianity" led by the Pastor; and "Faith Comes By Hearing" led by Marjorie Greenough. Nursery care is available during all the events of the morning.

If you are looking for a new church home, you are always welcome at First Baptist, corner of Main and Elm Streets.

Sunday School Once Again Resumes At Feeding Hills Congregational Church

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, which is located at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills.

Sunday School for adults and young people begins at 9:00 a.m. Worship begins at 10:00 a.m.

Rev. Donaldson's sermon this week is entitled "God's Economy." Nursery care will be provided for the very young.

Sunday School has once again resumed classes each Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. There are classes for every age — youth to adult.

We are all "Alive in God's Way," the theme for this quarter.

Confirmation class will meet each Sunday evening at 7:00 p.m.

50th Anniversary Dinner-Dance Being Planned For St. John's Church On Oct. 6th

The members of St. John the Evangelist Church will celebrate the 50th anniversary of their parish with a dinner dance at Chez Josef on October 6, 1996 at 5:00 p.m.

Bishop Thomas Dupre will attend and priests and sisters who have been assigned at St. John's over the past years have been invited to attend.

On our calendar this week:

Tuesday, September 24th: 10:00 a.m., Searchlighters Circle; 1:15 p.m., EZ Does It Aerobics Class; 4:30 p.m., Our people serve at Loaves & Fishes (food for the homeless); 7:00 p.m., Junior Youth Group.

Wednesday, September 25th: 7:15 a.m., MidWeek Prayer Time; 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Trading Post Open.

Thursday, September 26th: 10:00 a.m., Bell Choir Rehearsal; 1:15 p.m., EZ Does It Aerobics Class; 7:30 p.m., Choir Rehearsal.

Friday, September 27th: 7:00 p.m., Sr. Youth Group.

On Sunday, September 29th, at 2:00 p.m., our Over 60 Bell Ringers will be performing at Country Estates on Suffield Street.

The Pioneer Valley Baptist Association Fall Meeting will be held on October 6th, starting at 4:30 p.m. Deadline for dinner reservations is September 30th. Call 413-357-8583.

The meeting will be at the Federated Church in Granville. Speaker of the evening will be Dr. Gordon Anderson, whose topic will be "Building the LaRomana Hospital in the Dominican Republic."

Stop by and enjoy dinner with us at the Big E! We will be serving meals at the church on the green at Storowton Village each day from 11:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Included on the menu are roast beef, chicken pie, meat loaf, breast chicken and ham dinners. Vegetables, rolls and beverages are included with each meal.

If you think this all sounds delicious, you should come down and enjoy a meal!

On the calendar this week

Sunday, September 22nd: 9:00 a.m., Sunday School; 10:00 a.m., Morning Worship; 5:30 p.m., Crossroads; 7:00 p.m., Confirmation Class.

Tuesday, September 24th: 7:00 p.m., A.A.

Wednesday, September 25th: 7:00 p.m., Choir.

Information on ticket reservations has been mailed to all the households in the parish. If anyone did not receive this information, please call the Rectory at 786-8105.

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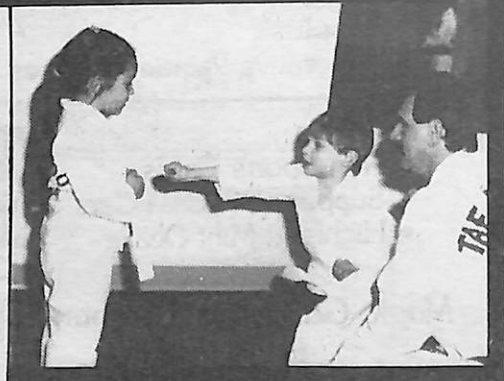
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Spotlight On Business

Cost Cutters Opens Beauty/Barber Shop In Southgate Plaza

by Peggy Shoemaker
Advertiser News Feature Writer

A black and red two-foot sign that turns in a circle on the sidewalk of the Southgate Plaza, Suffield Street, designates a new beauty/barber shop called **Cost Cutters**.

Cost Cutters is a franchise, one of four shops owned by Carol Meyers of Wethersfield, Connecticut. The shop is dedicated to giving "great haircuts, convenience, moderate prices, and time efficiency," according to Mrs. Meyer. She noted that "time is such an important factor today, that time efficiency is a priority in our shops."

Appointments are not required for service and the shop is open seven days a week. There are nine employees, so waiting is minimal, as is cost.

The shop has what is called "a la carte pricing." One can get a haircut, shampoo, conditioning, color, or any desired combination thereof, and pay for only what he or she requests.

Although the shop opened on August 12th, Mayor Christopher C. Johnson presided at a "ribbon cutting" ceremony at 2:00 p.m. on September 11th. The shop is smartly decorated in red, black, and the lightest of greys, and lettering on the spinning sign outside is red.

As part of the opening, discount tickets are being distributed and mailed. The shop expects to serve professional persons, singles, and entire families.

Mrs. Meyers owns three other shops, until recently called "The Three M's." They were bought by **Cost Cutters** and like the Agawam store, are franchises. **Cost Cutters** is a corporation of 700 franchised shops, and Mrs. Meyers expects them to open more stores in New England shortly.

Mrs. Meyers said she is business oriented and wanted to own her own business with the option to be an absentee owner.

She said she chose Agawam because it is a residential town and she offers the quick service, good price, and quality of work that she thinks local people want.

Karen Pandolfi of Agawam is district operational manager serving **Cost Cutters**. Karen has had 31 years experience as a hairdresser and has worked for **Cost Cutters** for eight years. She said that as a member of such a large company, there is on-going training of employees to keep hairdressers up-to-date with the industry.

The local shop sells shampoo, conditioner, hair spray, and styling products under the **Cost Cutters** label.

The Agawam shop is open Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and Sunday, 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. The shop is closed on holidays.

The Barbers' Hairstyle for Men and Women,



MAYOR CHRISTOPHER C. JOHNSON (center) cuts the ribbon at the new "Cost Cutters" Salon located in the Southgate Shopping Plaza on Suffield Street. RELATED PHOTOS ON PAGE 24. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Inc., is the name of the parent company of **Cost Cutters**, City Looks, Hair Performers, and Family Haircut Stores. It is based in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The corporation started when Joe Francis changed his two-chair barber shop into a Razor Cut Hairstyles in 1961. He opened the first men's styling salon, "The Village Barbers," in Minnesota and five similar salons within five years.

He became the first barber salon franchisor in

1968, when he also added the word "Women" to the name to reflect the clientele. The Corporation became **Cost Cutters Family Hair Care** in 1982 and now encompasses 700 stores in the United States, Moscow, and Paris.

Employees at Agawam **Cost Cutters** are: Debra Riddle, Manager; June Perez, assistant manager; Maggie Egan, Rebecca Cassidy, Tara Trembly, Lyudmila Morozova, and Jennifer Fay.

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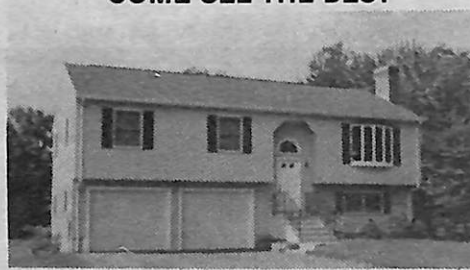
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Spotlight On Business - continued...

Cost Cutters Is Now Open In Agawam



THE STAFF OF COST CUTTERS (photo above), located in the Southgate Shopping Plaza on Suffield Street. From left - Maggie Egan, Tara Tremblay, Sharon Gamelli, June Perez (seated), Becky Cassidy, and Jennifer Fay. IN PHOTO BELOW, owner Carol Meyer (center) is pictured with district operations manager Karen Pandolfi (left) and shop manager Debra Riddle. RELATED STORY & PHOTO ON PAGE 22. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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Homeowners who generally have owned their homes for years and who are not familiar with the current real estate market, can feel overwhelmed. That's why many turn to real estate professionals to help them navigate their way through the home selling process.

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Jane M. Knapp Is
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Jane M. Knapp has been elected Vice President in charge of Compliance at Park West Bank and Trust Company, according to Donald R. Chase, President and Chief Executive Officer.

After graduating from Skidmore College where she majored in Management and received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business, she joined Westbank as an Administrative Assistant in Branch Administration and Personnel. She was promoted to Branch Manager and subsequently was named Personnel Officer.

Ms. Knapp also graduated from the New England School of Banking at Williams College and attended Graduate level classes in Personnel Management and Interpersonal Communication at Western New England College.

She has been very active in many business and civic organizations in the Greater Springfield area and is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Knapp of Westfield.



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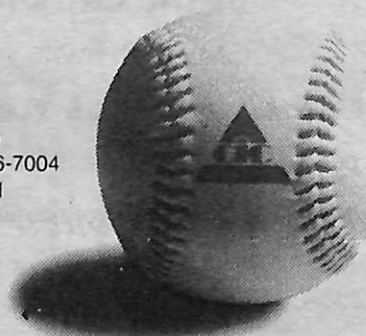
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Spotlight On Business - continued...**Hampden Savings Cuts Ceremonial Ribbon At West Side Branch**

On September 6th, Hampden Savings President Thomas R. Burton and many of the bank's trustees and officers gathered with local officials, contractors, and bank customers to cut the ceremonial ribbon.

West Springfield Selectmen Martin Lyons, Gerald Matthews, and Louise Mehegan were in attendance as well as State Representative Walter Defilippi and Victor Quillard, Hampden Savings Bank Past President.

Representing the builders of the project were Alan DeToma of Financial Concepts, the design and project management firm; Bill and Scott Anderson of Anderson Consulting, the general contractor; Raymond Theroux of JT Electrical Contractors; and John Lamondia of Lamondia & Son Heating and Air Conditioning.

Among bank trustees present were George J. Allen, Thomas R. Burton, Atty. William C. Flanagan, Thomas V. Foley, Francis V. Grimaldi, Stanley Kowalski, Jr., Ph.D., Joseph C. McCarthy, M.D., Robert W. Townsend, Eddie Wright, and Stuart F. Young, Jr.

Bank officials included Robert A. Massey, Treasurer; Vice Presidents Robert J. Michel and Ann Kantianis; Retail Banking Officer Lynn S. Bunce; and Eleanor Adams, Manager of the West Springfield office.

Just before he cut the ribbon, Burton thanked officials, guests, and contributors to the project, remarking that the completion of this major renovation was a happy and a satisfying occasion for all. Afterward, the group enjoyed refreshments under the bank's front portico.

The Grand Reopening continues at 220 Westfield Street in West Springfield through September 20th.



SOME OF THE SUB-CONTRACTORS who helped with the successful grand reopening of Hampden Savings Bank's West Springfield branch. From left - John Lamondia, Lamondia Heating; Raymond Theroux, J.T. Electrical; Scott Anderson, Anderson Consulting; Alan DeToma, Financial Concepts; Bill Anderson, Anderson Consulting; and Robert A. Massey, treasurer, Hampden Savings Bank. **RELATED PHOTOS ON NEXT PAGE.** Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

REAL ESTATE - from Page 25...

In addition to being a complex transaction, selling a home also can be very emotional for Empty Nesters. It often is prompted by the growing inability to care for or afford a large house. Some older adults may be in poor health, adding to the stress of selling a home, finding a new one, and moving. Many will be leaving behind old friends and comfortable surroundings.

While such a move may be viewed as an ending of sorts, if handled properly—and by the right real estate professional—it also can be a new beginning. For many people, it's a move that can make their lives simpler, easier, and better.

EVALUATE YOUR NEEDS

If you're an older adult who's considering a move, the first step is to compare your present home with your current needs. Do you feel alone or isolated? Does your present community offer easy access to medical care facilities, shopping centers, social and recreational opportunities, and public transportation? Is your current home too expensive or difficult to maintain?

If your answer to any of these questions is "yes," you may want to contact a real estate professional to get an idea of what your home is worth in the current real estate market and to explore alternative housing options. A local expert will be able to prepare a competitive market analysis, comparing your home with others in the neighborhood that have been listed for sale or have sold in recent months. He or she can also suggest repairs or improvements that will help sell your home and maximize value. Moreover, your sales associate can help you better define your current and future housing needs and assist you in your search for a new home. If you're interested in moving to a community with a warmer

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HAMPDEN SAVINGS BANK PRESIDENT THOMAS R. BURTON (center, with scissors) cuts the ceremonial ribbon for the grand reopening of the bank's West Springfield branch. **MORE PHOTOS ON NEXT PAGE.** Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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climate or one which offers additional amenities or services, an agent who is affiliated with a national sales organization will be able to refer you to offices in other areas of the country that offers those benefits.

CONSIDER HOUSING TYPES

When choosing a new home, it's important to consider what type of housing would best suit your needs. Today, there are numerous housing options available to homeowners. Your age, lifestyle, health, and financial situation will be important factors in the selection of alternative housing.

If you want to maintain your privacy and independence, but reduce the time, effort, and expense associated with property upkeep, a smaller single family home might be the perfect solution.

By "downsizing," you also may be able to free up some equity — and keep it, thanks to the one-time tax exclusion law. Under it, a seller can exclude \$125,000 of the capital gain on the sale of his or her previous home, provided the owner is 55 or older on the day of the sale and the house was the principal residence three of the five preceding years. Consult your tax professional for more information about this tax benefit.

If you want to be relieved of many of the burdens of home ownership but retain and enjoy the tax benefits, you should consider purchasing a condominium. "Condos" can be stacked in high-rise complexes or separated into duplexes or fourplexes, also called "single-family attached" homes.

When you buy a condo, you actually are buying "air space" in the unit and an undivided interest in the surrounding walls, floors, ceilings, recreational facilities, and common areas, which are jointly owned by everyone with an ownership stake in the complex. The expense of maintaining the structure and common areas is divided among all owners, who pay a monthly assessment. Before buying a condo, you'll want to request and read the Condominium Declaration, Indentures and By-Laws, as well as review the homeowner association's current budget and state of reserves.

LOOK FOR ACCESSIBILITY

Regardless of what type of home you buy, it's important to consider accessibility. Climbing a flight of stairs may not be a problem for you now, but what about your future needs?

A single story floor plan, with a level entryway and wide doorways and hallways, makes a home more accessible. Other features, such as low-pile carpeting, easily operated windows, varying countertop and cabinet heights, and lever-handled faucets and doorknobs, contribute to "barrier-free" living. You'll also want to make sure the house is located near public transportation, shopping areas, and medical facilities for easy access.

Another option, a retirement community, may be ideal if you want to live in an environment where various services, facilities, and social opportunities are provided for you. Costs, as well as the types of services provided, can vary. Many

Grand Reopening For Hampden Savings Bank



HAMPDEN SAVINGS BANK held grand reopening ceremonies for its West Springfield branch on Friday, September 6th. IN TOP PHOTO, members of the bank's Board of Trustees - Eddie Wright, George Allen, Thomas Foley, Thomas R. Burton (bank president), Robert Townsend, William Flanagan, Dr. Joseph C. McCarthy, Stuart Young, Frank Grimaldi, and Stanley Kowalski. PICTURED BELOW - bank officials - Ann Kantianis, vice-president; Robert Michel, vice-president; Eleanor Adams, branch manager; Victor Quillard, past bank president; Thomas R. Burton, bank president; and Lynn Bunce, retail banking officer. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



"active adult" communities offer residents transportation services, social activities, exercise classes, clubs, game and recreational rooms, and sports facilities. Others offer meal options, 24-hour emergency aid, and on-duty nurses.

(John Schuler is the Broker/Owner of CENTURY 21 Newschu Real Estate, Inc. located in the Southgate Plaza, Agawam, MA [413-789-1117]).

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The Mechanics Of RSI & CTD

In my last column, I responded to a question about repetitive strain injury (RSI). This week, we will look in more detail at the mechanics of RSI and CTD.

You may recall that the Repetitive Stress Injury (RSI) or Cumulative Trauma Disorder (CTD) diagnosis indicates "overuse" syndromes. The diagnosis is common to computer users and occurs when a particular body part is subjected to repeated motions over prolonged periods.

The premise for many of these conditions is in question since (with the exception of the fingers) there is no repetitive motion involved with computing. Complaints of eyestrain, headaches, low back pain, shoulder pain and neck pain are better explained by *poor posture* and *incorrect motion*. Movement, if done with proper body mechanics and with sufficient rest breaks, enhances body functions.

To understand the relationship between poor or aberrant posture and computer-related discomforts, one has to understand the term **static exertion**, or as it is sometimes referred to, **sustained contraction**.

The terms refer to muscles that are held in a shortened position for prolonged periods of time. The postural muscles of the neck, shoulder and pelvic girdle may be mechanically stressed by furniture that doesn't fit the body, poor posture, sitting without arm supports, holding the forearms up to reach the keyboard, and cocking your head to see your monitor or display terminal. These are examples of static exertion of muscles.

This activity over prolonged periods can produce **myofascial trigger points** (TPs). According to Travell and Simons, myofascial trigger points are hyper irritable spots, usually within a taut band of skeletal muscle, that are painful on compression. You may have TPs in your neck, upper and lower back. Specifically, they are often found in the trapezius, scalenes, sternocleidomastoid, levator scapulae and quadratus lumborum muscles.

In my next column, I'll continue this (as it does trouble so many of us) and discuss some solutions.

If you suffer with RSI or CTD, our office at 192 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam, may provide the answer. Call 789-1369.

Dr. Buddy L. Denison Announces Opening Of Wellness Center

Local dentist Dr. Buddy L. Denison of Agawam is pleased to announce the founding of the Agawam Wellness Center.

Realizing that many Americans have become health conscious and want to look good and feel good, and knowing that in many cases illness will reveal itself first in the oral cavity, Dr. Denison refers to the mouth as "the window of wellness."

With this in mind, to their knowledge, Dr. Denison's office will be "the first in our community to establish a health care team in wellness."

The Wellness Center will seek out and invite the most respected members of our local health care community to commit themselves to actively participate in the activities of the Agawam Wellness Center. "The Center will act as a clearinghouse on various health care topics," Dr. Denison said.

Dr. Denison, himself, will present the first Wellness Center seminar. The topic will be "TMJ, Fact or Fiction." If you have noises and/or pain in the jaw joints, muscle tension in the face, headaches, sore teeth, ear pain, or frequently break teeth or lose fillings, you should attend this seminar.

The seminar will be held Tuesday evening, October 29th at 7:00 p.m. at the Wellness Center's location, 46 Suffield Street, Agawam. The program is open to the public but seating is limited. Reservations are required. Please call the Agawam Wellness Center's office at 786-1960.

Best local news...



Food for Thought

by Nancy Dell
Registered Dietician

New Weight Loss Aids

One-third of people in North America and Europe are obese. These people are at risk for our main killers — high blood pressure, diabetes, heart disease, and even cancer. Losing weight is often difficult. Pharmaceutical companies are looking for ways to make weight loss easier.

Sixty-five to 85 percent of your weight is genetically determined. Researchers have isolated an obesity gene and a substance your body makes called Leptin. When obese mice are given Leptin, they lose weight. Researchers are now looking to see if the same happens in humans.

Myrlene Staten, MD, RD, Director of Clinical Research Leptin, "The initial clinical trials with Leptin will focus on the safety and tolerability of Leptin in humans. And as we gather more information in people, we will start to study the effi-

ciency of how well Leptin works to regulate weight. The initial clinical trials with Leptin will be an injectable, not a pill. The development of a new entity for treatment of a disease like obesity will take several years."

So it will be a while before we see Leptin on the shelves. If you don't want to wait, ask your doctor about Redux. Redux is the first new weight loss drug to be introduced in two decades.

Clifford Prestia, MD, of Springfield, says, "Redux works by increasing the serotonin in the brain. That decreases appetite and caloric intake. In clinical trials, Redux decreased appetite and made people feel full."

In a one-year study, more than 900 patients took Redux and followed a low-calorie diet. Forty percent lost 10 to 15 percent of their weight. So if you weight 225, you may drop to near 200 pounds. That's enough for some people to normalize blood pressure, cholesterol, or blood sugar.

However, 36 percent lost almost no weight. Redux may cause side effects such as drowsiness and diarrhea. Researchers report the symptoms are mild and usually disappear in a few weeks.

Beyond one year, researchers don't know how safe and effective Redux is. Some reports show it may lead to lung damage, so don't abandon the idea of following a healthy diet and exercising.

Staten says, "Even in the advances of technology, diet and exercise will always be important components in management of obesity."

For nutritional counseling and seminars, call Nancy Dell, MS, RD, 850 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA 01030, (413) 786-2957.



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Diagnosing Sciatic Pain

Oftentimes people will come in complaining of low back, buttock, and leg pain and state that they are experiencing sciatica. The sciatic nerve is the longest in the body. It exits from the low back, travels through the buttocks, and down the back of the legs.

Occasionally this nerve can get irritated and can produce burning, aching pain or numbness and tingling from the low back, buttocks, and legs down to the feet. When this happens, it is important to diagnose the cause of the sciatic pain accurately. To find out what is causing the nerve to be irritated is imperative prior to treatment.

The first item that may produce sciatic pain is a disc. A disc is the cushion between the vertebrae or bones in the spine. The inside of the disc is a gel-type substance, the outside is composed of thick, fibrous material. When a disc is herniated, the gel-like interior breaks through the outer layer and may put pressure on the nerve.

This is diagnosed with certain orthopedic and neurologic tests that a chiropractor performs to assess the region. If the problem is disc-related, often an MRI or CT scan exam may be ordered to fully assess the extent of herniation.

The second cause of sciatic pain is nerve irritation due to bone growth or impingement. This is called stenosis. The opening of the hole where the nerve exits the vertebrae is decreased due to osteoarthritis or bone spurring. This is initially assessed by an x-ray.

The third main cause of sciatic pain is due to the joints of the spine and pelvis not functioning properly or being "locked up," causing the local muscles to spasm, which in turn irritates the nerve. This is assessed with a chiropractic exam to check the motion of the spine and pelvis.

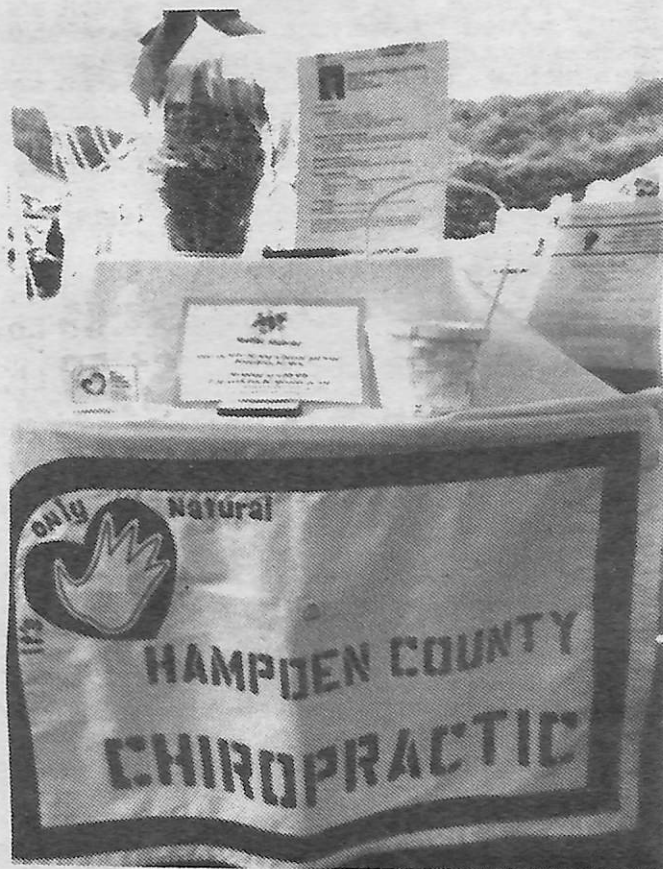
There are other less likely causes of sciatic pain that do need to be ruled out, including vascular problems, tumors, and other internal conditions that may produce the pain.

It is important to get the cause of sciatic pain diagnosed in order to correctly treat it. Chiropractors are very successful at treating sciatica. If you are experiencing this type of pain, contact our office today.

If you are interested in learning more about chiropractic, Dr. Nelson offers a complimentary health care class which answers many questions you may have. Our next scheduled class will be on Wednesday, September 25th, at 7:00 p.m. at Hampden County Chiropractic, 850 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills.

Please call our office at 786-4820 to reserve a space. Dr. Nelson is available to answer questions on Monday and Wednesday from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. at the above number.

Dr. Nelson's Winner...



CONGRATULATIONS TO SUSAN WENTER, the winner of a raffle held by Hampden County Chiropractic during the Harvest Days Festival at Heritage Hall on September 7th. She took home a hand-painted flowerpot filled with helpful, healthy items. Though the weather was slightly damp, enough people attended to raise funds for their student scholarship program.

Free Ear Screenings At Ag. Senior Center On Mon., Sept. 23rd

Mercy Hospital's Weldon Mobile Hearing Center will conduct free hearing screenings and hearing aid checks at the Agawam Senior Center on September 23rd, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

In addition, full diagnostic hearing tests, evaluations, fittings, and sales and service of hearing aids and assistive-listening devices can be scheduled on a fee-for-service basis.

The hearing van's audiology equipment is operated by nationally certified audiologists from the Weldon Hearing Center at Mercy Hospital.

For a reservation, call the Agawam Senior Center at 786-0400, ext. 242.

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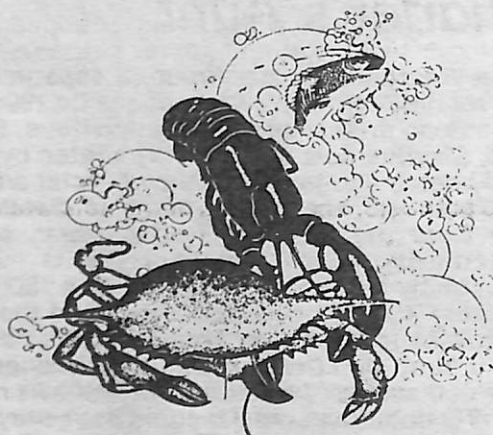
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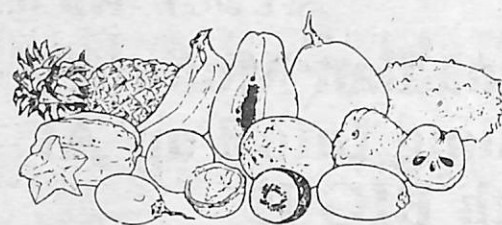


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It's A Kid's Paradise Now Going On At 75th BIG E

"New England's Fall Classic" offers fun and surprises for kids of all ages and their families from September 13-29, 1996. Many of The Big E's special attractions and exhibits have been designed with kids in mind:

• **Farm-A-Rama** — Your children will be fascinated with all the activity in Farm-A-Rama. They'll see hatching chicks, newborn piglets, llamas, rare animal breeds, winners from the Giant Pumpkin and Squash Contests, and the ever-popular Hallamore Clydesdales.

Farm Follies, an animated show where a "baritone broccoli" and "Hap, the Happy Farm Boy" croon all about our foods and where they come from, will return this year. Chris Rowlands presents "Farmin' Fever" on the Farm-A-Rama Stage with tunes like "Egg Laying Factory" and "Cud Chewing."

• **Barn Tours** — Children of all ages will enjoy these professionally guided Barn Tours of The Big E's agricultural areas daily from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tours depart from outside Farm-A-Rama.

• **Kiddieland** — The Big E is proud of its Kiddieland area full of fun Midway rides designed especially for children. Kiddieland is located in the grassy park, near the Food Court.

• **The Magic Midway** — Spectacular rides and games offer lots of thrilling action for children of all ages. On Pay-One-Price (P.O.P.) days, Monday through Thursday, you can ride all rides for just \$12.

• **Commerford's Petting Zoo** — An old favorite give the young and the young at heart a chance to meet Dickie the Giraffe, pet and feed a variety of farm and exotic animals, and enjoy camel or elephant rides at two fair locations: Gate 7 and Mallory Plaza.

• **McDonaldland Stage** — Children can greet Ronald McDonald and his friends as they present "You're the Star" near the Mallory Plaza Rotunda throughout the fair and celebrate Grimace's birthday on McDonald's Day, September 22nd.

• **The Big E Circus, under the Big Top** (sponsored by Coca-Cola) — Everyone loves the circus, especially kids. Their faces will glow with excitement as they are captivated by spectacular acts hand-picked from around the world.

• **The State Line Gazebo** — Children of all ages can enjoy the comic juggling of **Bounce & Ooo La La**, September 21st-29th at 1:00, 3:00, and 6:00 p.m.

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Canadian Mounties Riding Into Fun At 75th BIG E

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police (R.C.M.P.) will present a spectacular union of music, man and horse at this year's 75th anniversary Big E. Music and movement will fill the Coliseum in two shows daily as this scarlet-uniformed force presents the rich tradition and ceremony of the Musical Ride.

Fairgoers can enjoy this spectacle free of charge September 25th-29th at 2:00 and 7:30 p.m. The R.C.M.P. will also appear in The Big E's Grande Parade, sponsored by Stop & Shop, at 5:00 p.m.

The Musical Ride is performed by a full troop of 32 riders and horses. Individual horses and riders, in two's, four's, and eight's at the trot and at the center, execute a variety of figures and movements, accompanied by music.

Some of the more familiar ride formations are the "Bridle Arch," the "X," the "Shanghai Cross," the "Maze," and the "Dome," but the highlight of the Musical Ride is, without a doubt, the "Charge." Lances with their red and white pennons are lowered and the riders launch into the gallop.

These ambassadors of goodwill are police officers who, after two or three years of active police work, volunteer for duty with the Ride. Surprisingly, most are non-riders prior to this duty but, after months of training, horse and rider become one, working together with the utmost control, timing and coordination, promoting the Force's image throughout Canada and the world.

The origin of the Musical Ride is unsure, but could probably be traced back to the development of early cavalry formations before and during bat-

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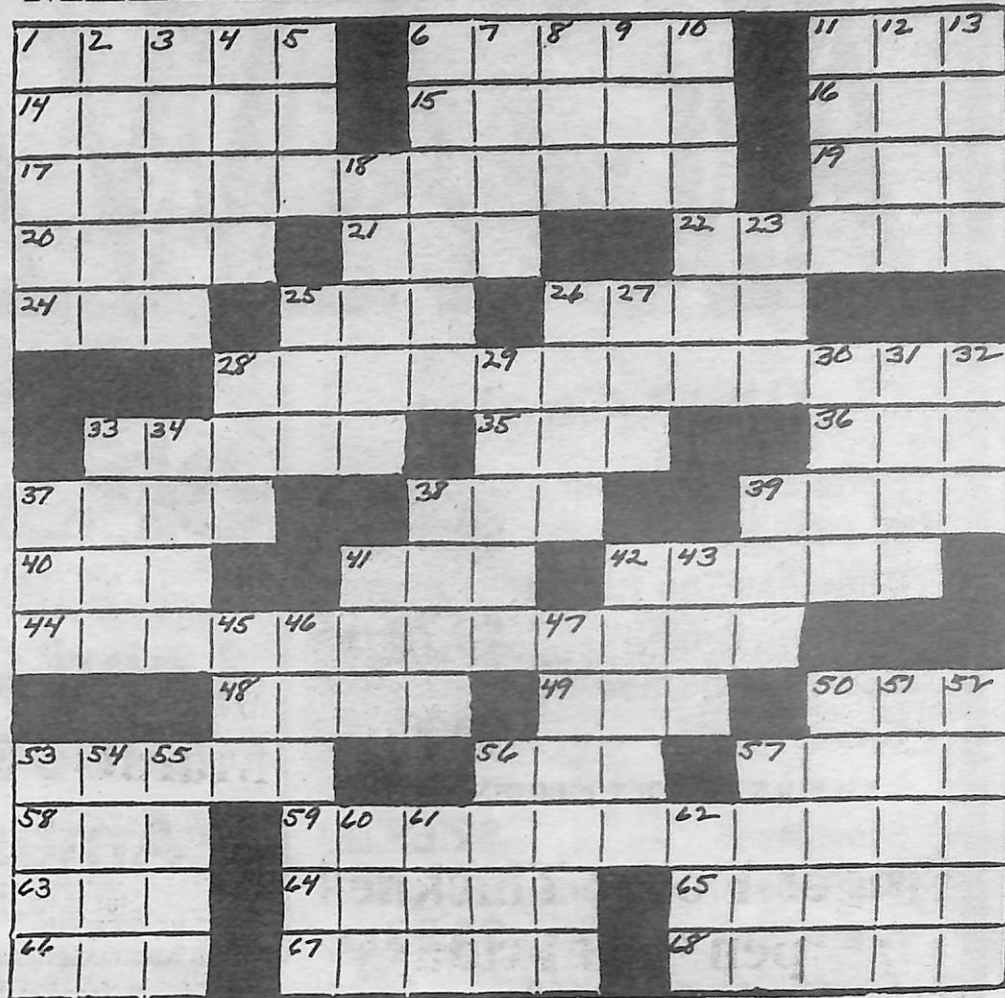
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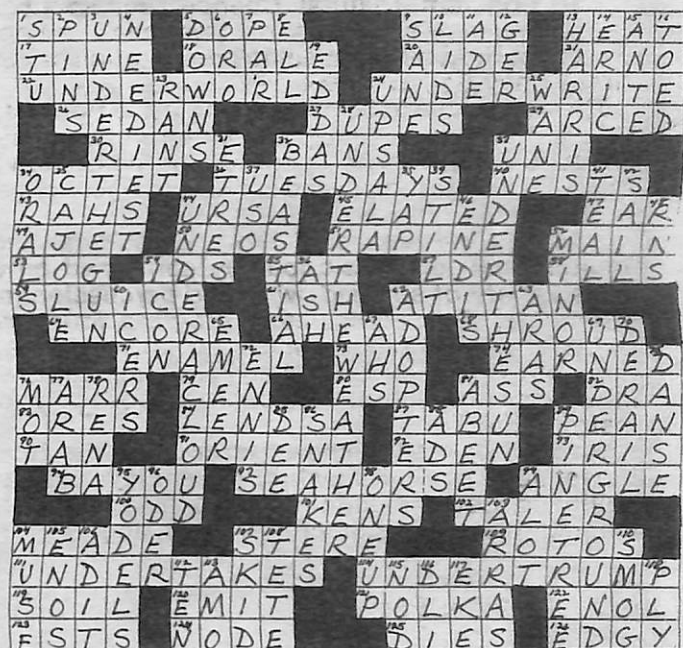
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Last Week's Solution...



Ag. Cultural Council Taking Applications For '96-'97 Grant Cycle

The Agawam Cultural Council is accepting applications for individuals and organizations for projects in the 1996-1997 grant cycle. The deadline for the grants is Tuesday, October 15, 1996. All applications must be typed and late applications will not be accepted.

In general, available funds will go to individuals and organizations that are dedicated to productive and creative efforts in the arts, humanities, or interpretive sciences. Individual applicants must show that a public benefit results from the project for which they seek funding.

Private nonprofit organizations must show proof of nonprofit and/or tax-exempt status. Groups of individuals coming together with a common purpose, who do not have nonprofit tax-exempt status, are also eligible to apply for a grant.

Grant funds may be used for the study, pursuit, performance, exhibition, and/or enjoyment of cultural activities in the broadest sense.

Funds are provided on a reimbursement basis only.

Applications may be picked up at either the reference desk of the Agawam Public Library or the Agawam Town Hall. Completed applications may be mailed to JoAnne Condon, Chairman, Agawam Cultural Council, 65 Beekman Drive, Agawam, MA 01001, or delivered to the Agawam Town Hall, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001.

For more information, call JoAnne Condon at 789-0994.

Westfield Theatre Group To Perform Charley's Aunt

The Westfield Theatre Group, a department of the Westfield Woman's Club, opens its 1996-1997 seasons with the wonderfully hilarious British farce, *Charley's Aunt*. This show is written by Brandon Thomas and is produced by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc. It is directed by Mike Connors, who was recently seen on the Westfield stage in *Thirteen Past Midnight*.

The show takes place in the late 1800s and is a story about three college boys and the trials and tribulations they go through in the name of love. It stars Dan Deery as Charley Wykeham and Bill Wood as Jack Chesney. Dave Andrews makes his WTG debut as Lord Fancourt Babberley.

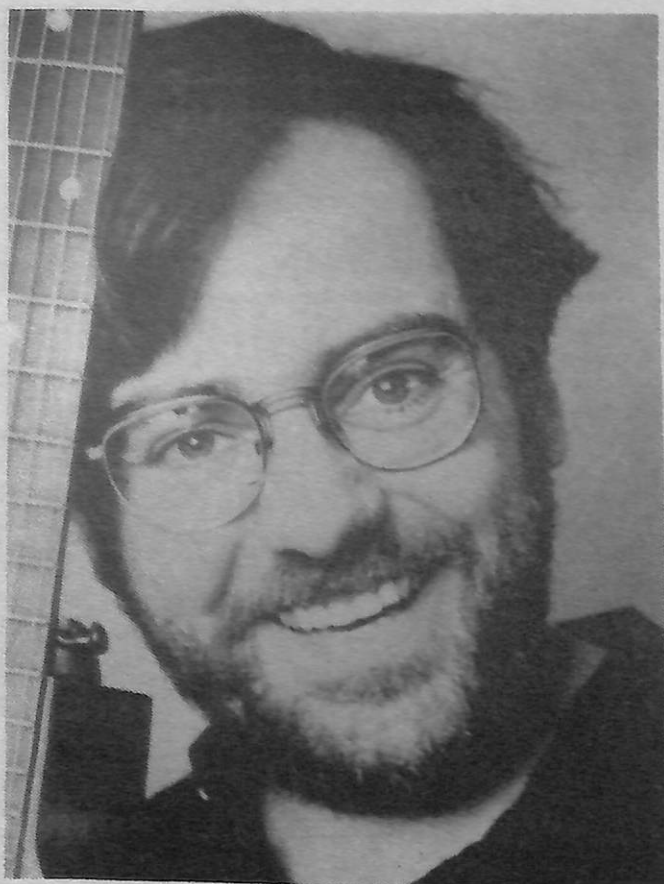
Other cast members include Mary Ann Arnold as Charley's aunt, Bill Hensley as Sir Francis Chesney, and Gary Tomestic as Brasset, along with Amber Daniels and Mary Arnold.

The show will open November 8th at 8:00 p.m. and continue with performances on November 9th, 15th, and 16th at 8:00 p.m., with a special matinee on November 16th at 2:00 p.m. All performances will be held at the Westfield Woman's Club, 28 Court Street in Westfield.

Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$6 for students and seniors. Reservations may be made by calling the Westfield Theatre Group box office at 572-6838.

This production is supported, in part, by a grant from the Westfield Arts Council, a local agency, the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency, and the National Endowment for the Arts.

All the local news with us, every week...



FOLK SINGER ROGER TINCKNELL

Singer Roger Tincknell To Open "1st Fridays" For Cultural Council

The Agawam Cultural Council will sponsor Roger Tincknell's "Across the Americas" - a Folk Music Journey, as the opening presentation of the First Friday Series of 1996-1997.

The program will be held on Friday, October 4, 1996 at 7:30 p.m. The program, which will be of interest to people of all ages, will be held at the Agawam Public Library and is free and open to the public.

"Across the Americas" is a multicultural and multilingual folk music journey performed on a wide variety of stringed, wind and percussion instruments. This participatory program journeys from Canada to Chile and includes native African, European and Southeast Asian immigrant cultural influences through songs, dances, legends and instruments.

Roger Tincknell is known throughout the Northeast for his musicianship, his energy and his ability to get a roomful of children and adults singing, clapping, stomping and dancing.

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• **Storowton Village Museum** — "Early American Children's Games," sponsored by Freihofer's, are scheduled daily at 12:00 noon on the Village Green, with additional games at 5:30 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

The Village Green will be bustling with other 19th century activities: antique tool demonstrations and storytelling with **Nick Nichols' Antique Tool chest** daily at 10:00 a.m. and 12:30, 2:30, 3:30, and 6:00 p.m.; handmade broom demonstrations with **Robert Aborn, "The Broom Squire,"** daily at 10:30 a.m. and 12:30, 3:30, and 6:00 p.m. (excluding September 22nd and 26th); and "**Village Hatmaker**" **Bill Wigham,** September 18th-22nd and 25th-29th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Kids will also be delighted by Nantz Comyns-Toohy's "**Children's Sculpture Project,**" September 25th-29th from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and Igor Fokin's "**Wooden Horse Theatre Puppets,**" daily at 11:00 a.m. and 1:30, 3:00, and 6:00 p.m. (excluding Monday, September 23rd).

• **The Giant Slide** — Slide down the famous yellow "giant" ... fun for children of all ages.

• **Walkabout Favorites** — You never know when you'll be surprised and entertained by **The Mechanical Man, Cheerful Charlie,** and **Biggie,** the fair's official mascot, roaming the fairgrounds daily.

Celebrate the 75th anniversary edition of The Big E with fabulous food, spectacular shows and top-name entertainment, September 13-29, 1996.

Please remember that Jack Devine needs at least 48 hours notice to cover your event.



THE GAME IS AFOOT as the cast of *Postmortem* searches for answers from the beyond in the Suffield Players' fall show from October 17th to November 2nd. Call 1-800-289-6148 for reservations (after September 26th).

Suffield Players' Fall Production Offering Murder, Mayhem, Madness, & Seances

Suffield: It's murder and mystery; it's madness and mayhem; seances and shots in the dark; playboys in fast cars and vamps in slinky gowns ... it's the Suffield Players' Fall production, "POSTMORTEM!"

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The cast of seven suspects, under the direction of Konrad Rogowski, includes Allan Nott, Briana Trautman-Maier, Dale Facey, Linda Grames, Dana

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This play is an evening of suspense, surprises, and laughs, with high society types and brassy theatre folks of the 1920's out on a wild weekend in the country. But the mood soon changes as tempers, passions, and egos flare in an explosive conclusion; revealing the true murderer's identity.

Don't miss it. For reservations, call 1-800-289-6148. Tickets are \$10 for all nights except the first Thursday Preview night, which is \$5. Students and seniors (with I.D.) and groups of 10 or more reserved in advance, get \$1 discount. Show dates: October 17th, 18th, 19th, 25th, 26th, and November 1st and 2nd.

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tle. This diversionary form of cavalry drill was probably developed into its formal setting by British troops stationed in India.

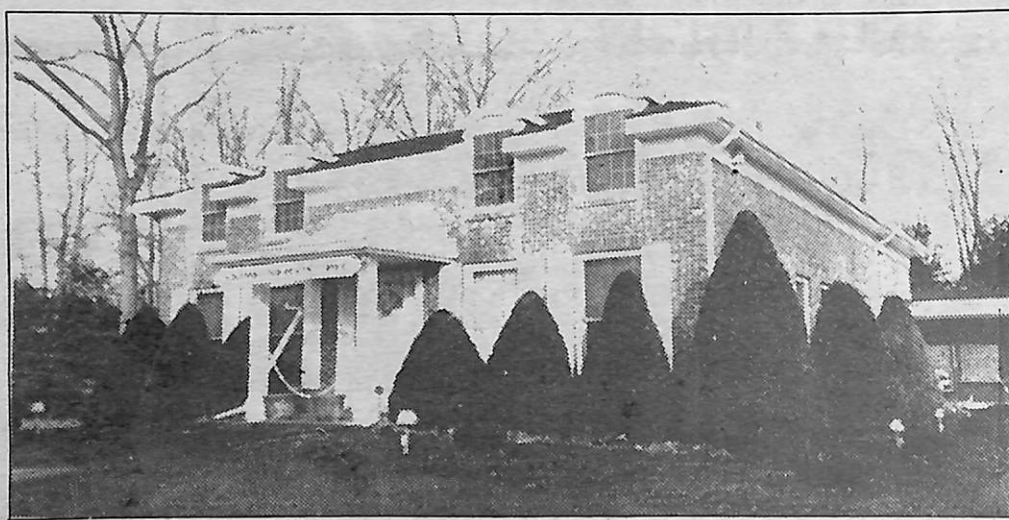
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Education

Jr. High Students Earn Awards For Making Health-Oriented Posters

"Eat'em up, yum, yum" says one poster created by a fifth grader at Thornton Burgess Middle School in Hampden. "5 A Day helps the cancer stay away" is the slogan on another made by a seventh grader from Agawam Junior High School.

Family and Consumer Science (formerly Home Economics) teachers all over Massachusetts have asked their Middle School students to make posters which effectively convey the 5 A Day message. They first learned that eating at least five servings of fruits and vegetables each day may reduce cancer risk and helps to maintain a healthy weight.

Posters were judged locally and the top three winners from each school were entered in the Massachusetts 5 A Day poster contest.

The statewide project was coordinated (pro bono) by Nutrition Education and Marketing Services, in cooperation with the Massachusetts 5 A Day Coalition under the Mass. Department of Public Health, the Massachusetts Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, Stop & Shop Supermarkets and the Federation of Massachusetts Farmers Markets.

Winners were announced on June 19, 1996, at the Fresh Month Festival at Boston's City Hall Plaza, and received savings bonds and plaques. All poster entries were displayed from June 19th through June 28th at the State House.

Among the winners were two students from Agawam Junior High School: **Tim Corlett**, who earned second-place statewide, and **Ashley Guiel**, who received an honorable mention.

The Western Massachusetts entries were on display at Baystate Medical Center from June 5th through June 18th. Twenty-three posters were entered from nine schools representing 1,245 students in Family and Consumer Sciences classes in this pilot project.

Local Family and Consumer Science teachers and their schools represented included Kathy Doody of Agawam Junior High School.

"5 A Day" is a national program of the National Cancer Institute (NCI) and its industry partner, the Produce for Better Health Foundation (PBH). The program is designed to motivate Americans across the country with a positive message: to challenge themselves and others to eat *more* of something they already like — fruits and vegetables — for better health.

The 5 A Day message is designed to increase awareness of the need to eat five or more servings of fruits and vegetables as an easy way to improve their health. Fruits and vegetables are convenient, taste great and keep you going through the day.



HEALTH AWARDS AT THE JUNIOR HIGH - from left, **Andrew Kraus**, art teacher; **Kathleen Doody**, academic coordinator for Family Consumer & Health Sciences; student **Ashley Guiel**, honorable mention; student **Tim Corlett**, 2nd place, statewide; and **Marco Constanzi**, assistant Jr. High principal. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Jr. High School PTO Has Important Dates During September To Remember

*** IMPORTANT DATES:**

September 23rd - 7th and 8th grade OPEN HOUSE.

September 30th - PTO MEETING at 7:30 in the cafeteria.

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We are *still desperately* seeking people to help with a few days on our fundraiser. The dates that

help is needed are September 25th and 30th.

If you can help on either of these days, please call Donna M. Shibley at 786-3888.

We will be having elections for school council at our September PTO meeting. Please come and show your support.

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Ag. Police Explorers Looking For Teens To Become Members

Shannon Netopski, a Police Explorer, would like to invite teenagers 14 and up (male or female) to join a program offered for teens that are interested in the law enforcement career.

The Police Explorer Group offers educational classes such as CPR certification, gun safety course, and public speaking, etc., hands-on experience, including camping, parking, and security details, and much more.

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AHS Guidance...

by Judith Cohen
Acting Director
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Some Important News For Class Of 1997

Parents of seniors, please tell your seniors that Mrs. Williams, the senior counselor, and I are working diligently to put together a senior packet which will enable each senior to know when certain jobs need to be done.

This information will be sent home to all seniors. It is imperative that you and your child read it and sign it indicating that you have seen it, then detach the slip and have your child bring it back to Mrs. Williams. Mrs. Williams will be meeting with each senior to discuss his/her plans.

I would like to remind you of a few very important dates. SAT's will be administered on **October 12th**. Students were appraised of this and had to get their applications in by **September 13th**; however, there is a late date of **September 20th**.

In addition or instead of taking the SAT's on **October 12th**, a student may take the SAT's on **November 2nd**. The applications form for this test **MUST** be sent in by **September 27th**. I strongly urge each student who is planning to attend a four-year school or a two-year school that requires SAT's to sign up for this test.

Some students may decide to take the ACT instead of or in addition to the SAT. The ACT is a subject oriented test which many colleges will accept. Applications are available in the guidance office and must be submitted by **September 27th** for the **October 26th** test date.

This year there is a new way that one must register for financial aid. The student writes down information before making the telephone call, then calls an 800 number to input the information. Fliers delineating the application process may be obtained in the guidance office.

Now that students have settled into their classes, counselors are busy calling in their clients to discuss their courses and plans for the future.

Back to School Night at the High School is this Thursday, September 19th, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. This promises to be a very informative evening and will provide you with the opportunity to meet your child's teachers and to get the pulsebeat of his/her teachers' expectations.

The counselors will be in their offices to answer any questions and address your concerns. We are here and to help you and to insure that your child has a productive and enjoyable school experience.

School Committee Receives Draft Of New Language Arts Curriculum

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Under the direction of Clark School Principal Sandra Howard, the Language Arts Curriculum for Agawam's pre- and elementary school students has been reviewed, rewritten, and submitted to the School Committee for its approval.

At the Tuesday, September 10th School Committee meeting, Mrs. Howard was accompanied by five of the six teachers who began the actual re-write in June. This culminated a year-long process involving twice monthly meetings with a 13-member committee representing teachers at the Early Childhood Center, the elementary schools, and the Middle School.

School Committee Chairman (Mayor) Christopher C. Johnson praised the committee's work as an "important step" toward continuity in the curriculum across the town's four elementary schools.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Frank Ameruso noted, "What's taking place is that as the state frameworks are being established, we're going to have a curriculum that runs across the district. The committee has done a wonderful job and the next key step is articulation with the Junior High and the High School. Then we're going to have a curriculum that goes all the way through."

The writers of the 32-page curriculum guide were **Sandy Blackburn, Cindy Pallazi, Teresa Urbinati, Joyce Rheame, Janice Defilipi, and Jeanne Forgette.**

"...Teacher Friendly"

"In addition to the 32 pages of the curriculum guide, we included a resource book to make this presentation teacher friendly, so that teachers would want to use it," Mrs. Howard said.

"We tried to cover all areas of language arts," Mrs. Urbinati said. "It's not just reading. It's also writing and speaking and we have tried to keep that in mind at all levels."

Mrs. Howard said the curriculum had been designed with the goal of improving the disappointing results of the Massachusetts Educational Assessment Program (MEAPs testing) scored by Agawam youngsters in 1992 and 1994 (especially in writing).

In previous years, the town did not have a unified writing program for young students and the reading series, based on phonetics, carries a copyright date of 1982 and is obsolete, Mrs. Howard said.

By using the Houghton Mifflin literature-based reading series and a variety of writing techniques, including focused writing and process writing in teaching language arts, it is expected that the standardized test scores will improve, Mrs. Howard said.

School Committee member Roberta Doering said, "I want to make sure our students are reading at grade level by the third grade, otherwise we're defeating the educational process. And I want to be sure the students, who need it, get the help they need."

Pointing out that standardized tests do not take into account the developmental differences among children in the same grade, (sixth grade teacher) Mrs. Defilipi said, "We have readers at the third grade level and readers above the 12th grade level. We try to move each child along in their reading and writing skills, but standardized tests do not show how much a student has improved."

Last year, the literature-based series was put in place in the town's first and second grade classrooms and third grade pilot program was in place. This year, the remaining third and fourth grade classrooms will be using the new reading series.

The total cost of the new textbooks for the elementary schools was \$88,000 and another \$70,000 will likely be needed to bring the reading series to the Middle School.

More Classroom Discussion

"At the Middle School, the children will be reading real books and we'll be doing more classroom discussion. With more discussion, comprehension will improve," Mrs. Defilipi said. "The children will have to understand what's going on in the story and that's where they'll be using more critical thinking skills. I believe we'll see a big difference as the love of reading the children get from this series develops."

"We're adding more ways to teach the material and more analysis of the stories and the hope is that critical thinking will improve," Mrs. Howard agreed.

At Clark School, reading comprehension for first and second grades using the literature-based texts had improved in June as compared to previous years using the phonetics-based reading series, Mrs. Howard said.

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Tuesday, September 24th: Pizza burger in roll, steamed rice, seasoned mixed vegetables, chilled pears in syrup or jello with topping, milk.

Wednesday, September 25th: Rotini with meat & spaghetti sauce, tossed garden salad with dressing, Italian bread & butter, petite banana or chocolate cake with icing, milk.

Thursday, September 26th: Taco boat with cheese topping, seasoned niblet corn, mild taco sauce, apple crisp, milk.

Friday, September 27th: Sliced turkey sandwich in roll with lettuce & tomato, oven potato puffs with catsup, ice cream sandwich, milk.

* **REMINDER:** Elementary lunch is \$1. (Tickets must be purchased on Mondays for the week. Personal checks are accepted, payable to: **The Agawam School Lunch.**)

Junior High School To Conduct "Back-To-School Night"

Agawam Junior High School principal Kevin C. Littlefield has announced that a "Back-To-School Night" will be conducted for parents on Monday, September 23, 1996, from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Parents are advised to meet in the school auditorium at 6:30 p.m., where the evening's format will be explained and directions will be given to homerooms. Then, at 7:00 p.m., parents of seventh and eighth grade students will follow their child's daily schedule and meet with subject teachers in a classroom setting.

Mr. Littlefield suggests that parents bring their child's agenda/planner with them to "Back-To-School Night," since its usage will be reviewed and it contains their child's daily class schedule.

He explains that teacher presentations will highlight exactly what students have been told during their first class meetings. Included will be course expectations, homework, testing, project work, discipline, and attendance.

Mr. Littlefield points out that the brief meeting time will not allow parents to discuss personal aspects of their child's education with teachers. However, conference nights for that purpose have been scheduled in the near future.

Agawam Library Has Halloween Crafts For Kids 3 & Up

The Agawam Public Library will be offering another popular "Do-It-Yourself" craft in the hall on Saturday, September 28th from 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Children aged three and up are welcome to reserve a scarecrow craft kit and come in anytime between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. to pick it up. We'll supply all the makings and you can supply the creativity to make your own scarecrow.

Call 789-1550 or stop by at 750 Cooper Street.

AHS 1966 Now Planning 30th Reunion

The Agawam High School class of 1966 is having its 30th reunion on Saturday, September 28th, at Oak Ridge Country Club in Feeding Hills. Cocktails start at 6:00 p.m., and dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m.

Reservations may still be made by contacting Frank Morassi at 1-800-793-0437 between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., or by calling Joanne Candido at (413) 789-2219 after 5:00 p.m.

Tech High '66 Planning 30th Class Reunion

The former Springfield Technical High School Class of 1966 will hold its 30-year class reunion Saturday, November 30, 1996 at Fairview Knights of Columbus in Chicopee, MA.

Call Jim Goodrow at (413) 782-6276 or Rose Marie Murray Disco at (413) 786-7529 or write to Springfield Tech High, Class of 1966, 49 Morningside Circle, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.

Agawam High School Class Of 1981 Sends Out Call For Missing Classmates

The Agawam High School class of 1981 is looking for the following "missing" classmates. If you have any information, please contact Nancy O'Keefe, 786-7738, or Cris (Liquori) Grenier, 569-6455.

David Anderson, Michael Armand, Claire Barry, Janice Beardsley, Deborah Beddow, Donna Belcher, Wilfred Bouchard, Diane Bovat, Christopher Calkins, Douglas Calvert, Douglas Casavant, Dori Cohan, Frederick Cooper, Cathy Cormier, Michelle Cormier, Scott Cousineau, John Couture, Denise Cross, Marva Cuffee, Melissa Danckert, Colleen Delair, Michael Desmarais, Suzanne Doyle, Kathleen Duffy, Kelly Dunn.

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Agawam High Band Parents Have BIG E Shuttle On Weekends

On the three weekends of The Big E, the Agawam High School Band Parents Association will again sponsor hassle-free shuttle parking for The Big E at Agawam High School.

Shuttle parking will be available September 14th and 15th, 21st and 22nd, and September 28th and 29th. Shuttle buses will run continuously between the high school parking lot and The Big E beginning at 10:00 a.m.

All Agawam buses will be marked in brown. The last shuttle will leave The Big E at 10:00 p.m. Parking will be \$4. The shuttle charge is \$2 per person, round-trip. This convenience to the fairgoer is provided by The Big E and PVTa. For those fairgoers parking at the high school, weekend discount tickets for The Big E will be available at a cost of \$8.

Discount tickets are available upon payment of the parking fee. There will be no parking at the Agawam High School during the week, only on the weekends. With discount tickets, a family of four realizes savings enough to buy that one special Big E treat. Fairgoers who used shuttle parking tickets last year remarked over and over on how convenient it was.

All proceeds received through parking fees will be used for the benefit of the Agawam High School Band program. Patrons are encouraged to use the shuttle parking. Avoid the hassle of weekend traffic and high-priced parking. Park at the high school, leave the driving to someone else, pick up discount tickets and benefit the award-winning Agawam High School Band all at the same time.

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Sports

Next Up For AHS Is Chicopee Team That Crushed Minnechaug

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Brownie football Coach Dean Vecchiarelli and some of his staff took a trip last Saturday to Wilbraham to scout Friday's opponent, Chicopee High. They saw the Pacers methodically dismantle Minnechaug Regional, 41-6.

"Chicopee is a true wishbone team," Vec noted. "They have a rugged quarterback in (junior) Tim Klett, who is big (5'10", 190 pounds) and quick enough to run the 'bone."

Klett scored four TD's and rushed for 187 yards against the Falcons. Vec was also impressed by two of Klett's backfield mates, six-foot, 200-pound fullback John Cloutier, and 5'11", 160-pound halfback Tomasz Pagos. The two juniors rushed for 95 and 109 yards, respectively. Pagos had a 66-yard TD run.

Vec noted, however, that Chicopee doesn't throw the ball much. "They only put it in the air twice against Minnechaug," he said.

"We'll have to play assignment football to beat them," he went on. "We'll have to take them on man-for-man and be disciplined. The wishbone depends on the defense committing themselves too soon. Patience will be the key in this one."

Vec also noted that his Brownies are a little bigger than the Pacers. "But," he added, "we can't be too aggressive, especially on defense."

"When we have the ball, people will see Chicopee run out of a curious defense. They play a five-two. But their safety is a good 28 yards off the line of scrimmage, guarding against the bomb, I guess," Vec observed.

At presstime, Vec wasn't sure runningback Jeff Blews would play Friday. "We'll practice this week like he won't make it," the coach said of the tailback who has 14 staples on the top of his head as a result of a slip getting on the team bus after the 'Hamp game (21-15 loss).

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Brownie Football Bows 21-15...

Late 4th Quarter Rally By 'Hamp Spoils Huge Upset By AHS

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Remember the little ditty that went "If ifs and buts were candies and nuts, it would be a great Christmas"? We can apply it to the Agawam High football Brownies' 21-15 season-opening loss up at Northampton last Friday night. It's a quaint little tome. And it fits what happened on that gray and drizzly evening.

Here's why. If Agawam had more experience, they might have dealt a bit better with the 'Hamp offense. But the Blue Devils had a squad of figurative high school graybeards. Veterans led by Mark Patillo and Jeremy Tudryn who had, for the most part, been there and done that.

If the Agawam special teams had stopped the Northampton specialists, things might have been different. But they couldn't do it at critical junctures in the game.

If Brownie junior quarterback Eric Melbourne, who was dominating the Blue Devil defensive backs (9-18, 101 yards, 1 TD, 1 extra point for two), didn't go out injured late in the fourth quarter — but he did, compliments of a clock-cleaning hit by most of the Northampton defensive line. He was smelling the grass and inquiring about the number of the truck that hit him.

If they'd been playing in front of the faithful, the emotion might have turned the tide. But they were in miserable enemy territory, and the home-field advantage figured in.

Do you understand? The Brownies were on the verge of an early Christmas present — a huge upset win. But it didn't happen.

Agawam came in as the prohibitive underdog. You never would have known it, though. They bedeviled the Devils through the entire first half and much of the second.

After trading possessions early in the first quarter, the Brownies took a 'Hamp punt on their own 12-yard line and began a 70-yard, three-minute march downfield. The journey was initiated by a spinning, second-effort run off left tackle by senior tailback Jeff Blews (19 carries, 63 yards) that spanned 32 yards.

A pinpoint pass from Melbourne to senior All Western Mass tight end Bryan Menard (5 receptions, 58 yards, 1 two-point conversion) in the left flat, gobbled up 14 more yards. And Agawam found itself with a first and 10 on the Blue Devil 40.

Runs of nine and eight yards by Blews, and a five-yard gain by fullback Jeremy Brosseau, brought it to the 'Hamp 18-yard line. All this was done behind some outstanding work by the Brownie offensive line, especially 6'4", 220-pound tackle Darrell Malachowski, and 5'11", 190-pound guard Ryan Wilson. The two juniors owned the line of scrimmage on the left side.

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The Brownie drive stalled at the Northampton 18 after two incomplete passes gave the ball back to the Devils. And while they didn't get a score, the Brownies served notice that even though they might not be stocked with experience, they were well-served by exuberance.

The Northampton possession didn't do much, mostly because Tudryn and company were on the painful side of some serious hurt compliments of the Agawam defense, which was led by Malachowski, cornerback Mike Mangano, and linebackers Brian Gallagher and Menard.

Not Much Luck For The Brownies...

The Brownies had little luck on their first chance at the ball as the second quarter convened. 'Hamp, however, managed an impressive drive when they regained possession at its 32-yard line. It was engineered by quarterback Jeremy Tudryn. The senior signal-caller did a lot of the Devil dirty work by running for his life on pass plays busted up by a big-time Agawam rush.

First, he gained 17 yards. Then, several downs later, he escaped for 17 more. Suddenly, Northampton found itself with a first and 10 at the Brownie 18.

After a holding penalty, which took the ball back to the Agawam 28, two pass completions got the ball back to the 18. Then, in a play as big as the holding call, Gallagher bulldozed his man and bore down on Tudryn, who had a notion to pass on third and eight. The resulting sack (for a five-yard loss) forced 'Hamp to try a 33-yard field goal, which came up just short.

The half ended with another 'Hamp possession that was neatly stomped on by the Brownie defenders. The teams headed for the locker room with goose eggs on the scoreboard.

'Hamp caught a break on the second-half kickoff. Senior wideout Marc Patillo took the ball on his own 15 and saw the wall being set up down the right sideline. It was a perfectly executed run-back play. By the time he hit the midfield mark, Patillo was being escorted by a convoy of blockers who were cutting down the Agawam defenders.

Only Phil McGeoghan was left. He was triple-teamed, running backwards in full reverse. Maybe he wouldn't have gotten Patillo. However, one of the guys he managed to knock down did the job for him, tripping up the fleet return man at the Brownie 31.

'Hamp, the veteran team, had a foot lodged in the door now. Then they put a shoulder to it. On third and 10 at the 21, Tudryn (one of the best pure athletes Agawam will face this season) was again on the run from the ever-present Brownie pass rush. He rolled right, felt the heat and cut back on a dime (leaving nine cents change). He was free enough for a moment to spot and hit Mike Williams (alone in the end zone) for a 21-yard score. The kick failed. 'Hamp led 6-0, with 2:42 gone in the third quarter.

The rest of the third quarter was a grim, defensive battle until Agawam set things up with 2:44 left. Menard caught three straight balls for 17, 12 and 12 yards, respectively. That performance brought the Brownies into the final 12 minutes camped on the Blue Devil 12-yard line. A sweep right behind 6'1", 200-pound senior guard Rich Skowyra and 6'1", 210-pound senior tackle Chris Olson, saw tailback Kevin Perreault (5 carries, 16 yards) gain eight.

On fourth and one at the Northampton three-yard line, Blews careened up the middle. A measurement said he got the first down. The Blue

Devil "D" was sucking it up against the run. (They stopped Blews twice for no gain.) So Coach Dean Vecchiarelli called for an air strike on third and goal. Melbourne rolled right. Brian Gallagher (1 catch, 2 yards, 1 TD) was in the Devil end zone, rolling with his quarterback. The result — a Brownie TD. The extra point try, right on Anthony Planzo, was negated by a penalty. So he simply stepped back and nailed it from 20 yards out. It landed about 20 yards beyond the uprights. The kid has a leg and Agawam had a 7-6 lead with 8:59 to go in the game.

'Hamp got the kickoff at its 20 and fumbled on first and 10. Brownie outside linebacker Ryan Wilson pounced on it. Suddenly they had the ball back at the Blue Devil 19. It was an opportunity that Agawam couldn't refuse.

After runs by Blews and Perreault, a seven-yard keeper by Melbourne to the 'Hamp nine proved positive after a measurement. The Brownies now had a first and goal at the Blue Devil nine-yard line.

Melbourne dropped, looking to pass. No one was home, so he cut back and took it home the right side. No Devil touched him. A pass to Menard on the two-point conversion made it 15-6 Agawam, with 6:26 left in the game.

'Hamp Knew It Had To Get To Work...

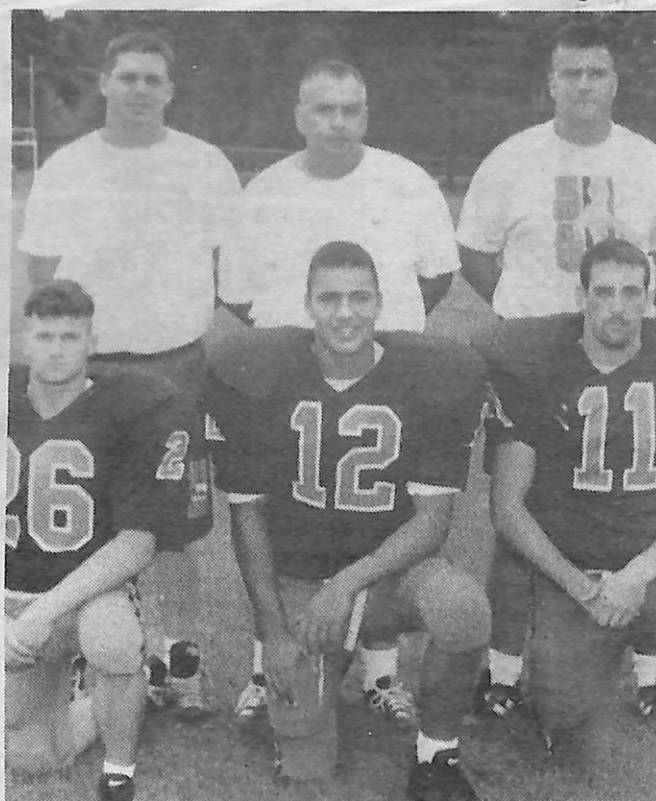
Northampton, with adrenaline flowing brought on by desperation, knew it was time to get to work. That work was made easier by a breakdown in the Brownie pass defense. They took the kickoff and started on their 35. Agawam went into a nickel alignment, which had the center of the field so wide open you could have staged the "Big E" in it. Patillo and Tudryn saw this, called the audible, and he hit Patillo with a strike over the middle, which was good enough for 22 yards to the Brownie 44.

'Hamp brought it down to the Agawam seven when the Brownies were caught in a 4-3, with their safeties up. R.J. Dawson streaked behind them and hauled one in for a 37-yard gain that saw the ball spotted at the Agawam eight.

One down later, Tudryn was facing a second and 10 situation and another fierce Brownie pass rush. There was another rabbit in his helmet and he pulled it out, hitting Patillo in the end zone for six. The kick was good. Suddenly, Agawam was up by the skin of its mouthpieces, 15-13.

The Northampton defense stiffened noticeably, stopping the next Agawam possession on three downs at the Brownie 30. The 'Hamp punt return team was featured in the subsequent score. The Brownie boot was taken by Patillo on his 45. This time he saw the wall set up to his left. It was about as wide and as empty as I-91 at 2:00 in the morning. His 55-yard touchdown run made it 19-15, Northampton. A Tudryn two-point conversion around the right end put the Blue Devils up 21-15 with 2:36 to go. As Vecchiarelli would note later, "Their special teams made the difference."

It was now gut-check time for the Brownies. With some luck, their offense might have delivered the goods. But Lady Luck is a fickle lover. She would no longer favor Agawam on its final drive of the game. They took it on their own 34 and got it to midfield. Then Melbourne was nailed at the 50. He staggered off and wide receiver Phil McGeoghan (2 catches for 29 yards, 2 carries for 21 yards, 0-2, passing, 1 interception) replaced him. McGeoghan converted a busted pass play into a 20-yard gain. Agawam had a first down on the Blue Devil 30. A pass interference call saw the Brownies advance to 'Hamp's 22 yard line. On the next play, McGeoghan threw to Menard at the nine yard line. The ball was tipped,



1996 AGAWAM HIGH FOOTBALL CAPTAINS, from left - Jeff Blews, Phil McGeoghan, and Bryan Menard with Head Coach Dean Vecchiarelli (center) and Assistant Coaches Mike Burke and Bill Moore.

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but Menard, on his knees, made a valiant effort only to see it just glance off his fingertips. McGeoghan tried a pass with 25 seconds left. Menard, on a slant, was the target, but 'Hamp's Tim Satkowski picked it off. Northampton came away with a 'look what I got' independent victory.

"We played well," Vec said at the end. "Eric (Melbourne) showed us he can throw the ball and both our offense and defense made some big plays," he added.

BROWNIE FOOTBALL NOTES: Quarterback Eric Melbourne just got his bell rung slightly. He'll play next week against Chicopee. Phil McGeoghan hurt his right arm at the end of the game. At first they thought it was broken. But x-rays later showed a bone bruise and nothing more. "I'll be ready for Chicopee," he said.

In a weird incident, tailback Jeff Blews got injured getting back on the bus after the game. He slipped and sliced open the top of his head on the edge of a seat. It took an ambulance ride to a local hospital and 14 staples to close the wound. It's not known if he'll be ready to go Friday night. No one knew immediately which Brownie player recovered that fourth period Northampton fumble. McGeoghan finally revealed that it was Ryan Wilson, who they've nicknamed 'back door.' Because, according to Phil, Ryan goes about his business in a very quiet manner.

BROWNIE STATES: RUSHING: Blews, 19-63; Perreault, 5-16; Melbourne, 3-20, 1 TD (9 yards); McGeoghan, 2-21; Gallagher, 1-3; Graves, 1-2. RECEIVING: Menard, 5-58; McGeoghan, 2-29; Perreault, 1-12; Gallagher, 1-2, 1 TD. PASSING: Melbourne, 9-18, 101 yards, 1 TD, 1 2-point conversion; McGeoghan, 0-2, 1 int.

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AHS Boys' Varsity Soccer 1996



TEAM MEMBERS OF the 1996 Agawam High boys' varsity soccer team. Back row, from left - Jay Malone, Jack Biscoe, Nick Dion, Chris Bitzas, Rich Rodriguez, Jake Blair, Todd Godfrey, Jay Hanscom, Dave Thomas, Peter Bitzas, Bryan O'Quinn, and Coach Dwight Northrup. Front row - Mike Forastiere, Jay Jean, Steve Rovithis, Dan Siano, Bill Maroni, Todd Jorgensen, and Tony Alfano. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Brownies Girls' Soccer Downed By Another Power (Cathedral, 5-1)

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

There's one thing Agawam High girls' soccer Coach Mary Murray just cannot get used to - losing. It didn't happen in her years at Cathedral High. She's determined not to let it happen in her tenure with the Brownies. But lose they did, last Thursday, 5-1 to Cathedral at Harmon Smith Field. It was the girls' second straight loss of the young season to another very strong side, leaving them at 0-2.

The Purple Panthers, opening their season, put on the pressure early. Their midfielders were beating the Brownies to the ball. Their defenders were picking up the Agawam rush before the forwards could get things organized.

Panthers Kate Brennen, Lauren Collins, and Mary McVeigh were controlling the ball a few minutes in, keeping it in the Brownie zone. It was obvious the Panthers had a bit more speed than Agawam. But Jill DeMarco and Vanessa Galluzzo were making up for it by good hustle and anticipation.

At the 27:21 mark, Agawam's efforts paid off when the ball got to Amy Mastroianni, Cindy Alfano, and Kristen Patterson, who were setting up around the Cathedral goal. They couldn't sustain any kind of effort, though.

The Panthers, however, didn't have that problem. They drove the ball back upfield and closed in on the Brownie net. The ball became airborne. It was perfectly positioned for a header. Brianna Ferris supplied the head, sending a five-footer past keeper Melissa Troie for the first Cathedral score at 24:06.

Locals Trying Too Hard

It was obvious the Brownies were trying a little too hard. After all, Cathedral is a big rival and a perennial soccer power. That over-aggressiveness cost them at the 18:25 mark. Ferris had a semi-breakaway on the pressing Brownie defense. Troie immediately realized that staying back with no help wouldn't be wise. She came way out of the goal mouth. Ferris put a move on her and suddenly had a shot at an empty Brownie net for her second score of the game.

It was also obvious that Agawam was spending too much energy on defense. Cathedral took advantage of that situation by getting off some quality shots on Troie, who was still steaming over the last goal. She made a fine, acrobatic save on another Purple Panther header off a corner kick with 12 minutes left. At the 10:50 mark, Ferris took a perfect lead pass and let one go, right on net from 20 feet in front. Troie, determined not to let the junior forward get the hat-trick, stopped that one as well.

With four minutes left in the half, Agawam was still struggling to mount a sustained offense and

get off some quality shots of their own. But the Cathedral defenders seemed to be constantly deflecting the ball away from the goal. The half ended with the frustrated Brownies resorting to kick and chase in an effort to penetrate the Panther zone. The score stood at 2-0, Cathedral. They managed nine shots on the Agawam net. The Brownies could only get off two.

The second half started in a defensive mode on the part of both teams. Agawam, however, was again playing more 'D' than it needed to play. They began to fall back, screening their keeper, tempting fate.

Patterson Puts Locals On The Board

Seven minutes into the half, all Western Mass. midfielder Kristen Patterson had enough of that tactic. She streaked up the middle of the field, took a pass from Vanessa Galluzzo, and let loose a blast from 40 feet out in front of the Purple Panther goal. Keeper Emily Nash, untested for most of the game, never had a prayer as the ball blew by her and burrowed into the right corner of the net.

For a few minutes, Patterson's heroics seemed to boost the Brownies. Galluzzo, Carrie Janik, and DeMarco began to meet the Cathedral rush head-on. But the defense was still too far upfield. Once again, the Panthers managed to get behind them. This time it was Gina Pantuosco on the right wing. And once again, with no hope of help, Troie had to vacate the goal mouth and come out to meet the shooter, but to no avail. The score came at 25:16.

Agawam put in the effort on offense. But their shots were, for the most part, too far away and too slow to test Nash like Patterson had done earlier. Patterson did get one off that had score scribbled all over it at 20:50. The effort, from 30 feet out, hit the crossbar, out of Nash's reach but also out of the net. Six inches lower, Nash still wouldn't have had a play and Patterson would have had her second goal of the game.

Cathedral's passing game began to kick into high gear at this point. It translated into their fourth score at the 13:11 mark. They lit it up five minutes later to end the scoring for the evening.

The whole thing wasn't pretty. Agawam managed four shots in the second half and six for the game. Cathedral had seven second-half attempts and 16 total.

Murray tried to tell her kids after it was over that they had lost to a couple of the best teams in Western Massachusetts. (Their first defeat was a 5-2 opener at the hands of West Side.)

"We got too aggressive in this game. There's a fine line between aggressiveness and playing out of control. I don't want them to cross that line," the coach said afterwards.

AHS Field Hockey Disappointed With 3-1 Loss To 'Hamp

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

After their exciting 3-3 tie vs. powerful Southwick High in the season opener, you might expect the Agawam field hockey team (0-1-1) to suffer some sort of letdown. Time would tell. Then, last Friday, it was time to play Northampton. The Blue Devils were a team the Brownies had a fair chance of beating. It didn't happen. They fell to 'Hamp, 3-1, in a driving rainstorm at Agawam High.

Early on, however, it looked like the Brownies were still riding high. Amy Bilodeau, Jill Pavelcsyk, and Pam Eaton started a rush into the Blue Devil zone and kept on some decent pressure. Meanwhile, business on defense was being tended to by Tara Bowler, Melissa Berry, and Jessica Couture.

It was obvious the soggy faithful on hand enjoyed their team's intensity. Unfortunately, it didn't last all that long. With 6:40 gone in the first half, 'Hamp's Ben Clyde and Lindsay Abbott were working their right wing. Clyde took a crisp lead pass from Abbott and worked the ball to within 10 feet of the Brownie goal. Andrea Nolan, who played between the pipes so well against Southwick, didn't have much of a chance on Clyde's attempt as he beat her high left.

After that score, the Brownies seemed to have trouble getting the ball out of their zone. Most of their trouble came at the hands of Clyde and Abbott, who owned the right side of the field whenever 'Hamp was on offense.

With 11:00 left, Agawam finally got some offense of its own in gear. Pavelcsyk and Allison Pratt led the rush this time. Unfortunately, they went up against a stiff Blue Devil defense, which wouldn't let them get off any kind of quality shot. Determination, however, is part of the Brownie girls' mental makeup. They wouldn't quit.

Efforts Pay Off

And at the 7:00 mark, their efforts paid off. Stefanie Fleming was cutting from left to right in front of the Northampton goal. Amy Bilodeau got a pass to her and Fleming, from 10 feet out, drove it past 'Hamp's All-Western Mass. keeper, Stacy Cichaski.

The half ended in a 1-1 tie. Agawam had three shots on goal. Northampton countered with five.

The Blue Devils must have gotten some kind of fire and brimstone lecture at the half, because they came out and from the get-go, applied all kinds of pressure on the Brownie goal. Eventually, the attack became too much for the Agawam defenders. They backed in, which gave Abbott an unhindered try for a score. Her big slapshot from 30 feet out in front came off a feed from the corner at the 12:00 mark.

Three minutes later, she got her second goal of the game, which put the locals deeper in the hole.

For the rest of the contest, AHS was in a defensive mode as the Devils peppered Nolan from every angle. To her credit, the Brownies' keeper stopped everything the pumped up 'Hamp shooters launched at her. She would end-up with 16 saves and 19 shots. Agawam could only get off four shots in the second half, for a game total of nine.

After the game, Brownie Coach Carla Warner observed that her team was unable to do against 'Hamp what they'd done against Southwick - get off a lot of shots.

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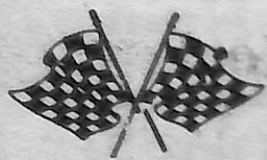
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Competition Index To Determine Award Winners At Riverside

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So, to keep up with the trend, Riverside's Ben Dodge, Jr. has developed a competition index to determine the prestigious Special Awards in the NASCAR Winston Racing Series at Riverside Speedway.

The formula is simple; it's based on points, top-five finishes, and the official ballot of choice by the race fans, NASCAR officials, and the media. This is then averaged based on the index, and the winners will be announced on Friday, November 15th (the Late Model and Strictly Stock Banquet) and Saturday, November 16th (the Modified and Pro Stock Banquet) in the Grand Ballroom of The Oaks, 1077 Suffield Street, Agawam, MA.

A \$65,000-plus point fund will be presented to the top 15 in the Modifieds, Pro Stocks, Late Models, and Strictly Stocks. (The final estimated cash amount is expected to be higher, based on NASCAR point money that's not available until November 1st through NASCAR.)

This year's nominees for Riverside Speedway Specialty Awards are as follows:

* ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

Modified Division - **Renee Dupuis, Rob Summers, Marty Leary, Frank Rocco, Dan Grasso, and Rob Fuller.**

Pro Stock Division - **Jeff Baril, Craig St. Germain, and Vinny Buonocore.**

Late Model Division - **Skip Brunig, Tom Dileo, Brian Locke, Roy Houle, Ken Marques, Roger Voisene, P.J. Pelc, Jake Dupuis, and Jeff Plakias.**

Strictly Stock Division - **Keith Miller, Scott Ciak, Pat Kretchman, Jon Yourga, Tom Keilty, Dennis Brilla, George Colton, Todd Malvezzi, Mark Anderson, Chris Droiun, Brian Hurd, Scott Bergenty, and Robert Bahr.**

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Late Model Division - **Chris Wenzal, Todd Owen, Glen Griswold, Bob Ermark, Wayne Coury, Joe Czarnecki, Joe Rzesutek, Brian Merchant, E.J. Legacy, and John Sereverns.**

Strictly Stock Division - **Dennis Charette, Scott Neleber, Jon Waterhouse, Joe Kokoszka, Rick Leavitt, Jim Sommer, Rosi Hall, Jeff Soukup, Keith Carzalla, Bill Reiman, and Dennis Sporbett.**

Other Special Awards in the following categories — Professionalism, Best Appearing, Hard Luck, Most Popular Driver, Favorite NASCAR Official, and Favorite Non-NASCAR Official — have no specific nominees; you just "write in" a vote, and be sure to include your picks in all four divisions. (Remember, votes are still being cast through the program until the final event of the 1996 season.)

Tickets are now on sale for two Riverside NASCAR Winston Racing Series Awards Banquets.

On Friday, November 15th, the Late Models and Strictly Stocks will receive point fund checks, plus awards to the top 10 owners and drivers. On Saturday, November 16th, it's the crowning of the NASCAR Winston Racing Series Champions in the NASCAR tour-type Modifieds and Pro Stocks. All will share in a point fund in excess of \$65,000.

Tickets are \$30 per person, and tables can be reserved in groups of 10. This is an exact-seat function, and single tickets will also be sold. When ordering tickets, please put your division, car number, the name of the driver whom you are associated with, and the date and day of the particular banquet that you wish to attend.

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Riverside Speedway Continues With Racing In Sept. And October

Yes, Riverside Speedway is still racing every Saturday evening at 6:00 p.m. Fact is, the quarter-mile facility in Agawam is hosting some of the biggest and best forms of entertainment in the Northeast.

That's right — everything from open-wheel Modifieds, Pro Stocks, and Late Models to Strictly Stocks, Super Stocks, Mini Stocks, and Trucks. What's more, there will be 5/8 replica Coupes and Sedans in a \$5,000-to-win amateur-style Enduro on Saturday, September 21st (rain or shine).

Then, in October, there will even be a School Bus Demolition Derby on Saturday, October 12th, and the "Halloween Howler" Enduro to cap off the 1996 racing season on Saturday, October 26th. (As stated earlier, all of the Saturday evening events are scheduled to begin at 6:00 p.m.)

Even though Mother Nature has not been kind to fall racing, Riverside is proud to present one of its biggest and best amateur events of the season. This coming Saturday, September 21st, it's the \$5,000-to-win amateur Mega-Bucks Enduro!

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Besides the \$5,000-to-win Enduro, the event features the death-defying Figure 8, plus a regular four-cylinder Mini Car Enduro and the traditional Demolition Derby. As if this wasn't enough action, this event will feature the "real" race divisions — the Late Models, Strictly Stocks, Super Stocks, Mini Stocks, Pro 4 Modifieds, Half-Ton Trucks, Police Races, and replica 5/8 scale Coupes and Sedans.

Race day entry will be accepted at 10:00 a.m. only this Saturday, September 21st. This special event will be family-priced at \$13.99 for adults, and \$2.99 for kids 11 years of age and under. An average family of four will cost just \$34 (based on two adults and two kids). The pit fee (with no special club license required) is \$20 for anyone 16 and over.

The pits open at 10:00 a.m., the South Gate open at 4:00 p.m., and the action is set to start at 6:00 p.m. It is estimated that the program for this evening will be over by 10:30 p.m. For more information, call 1-800-370-7488, number 4 for a pre-recorded racing message.

On Saturday, September 28th, it's a 10-division special of "real" races, plus another Riverside first — the pride of New York, the real race Figure 8 division, will take to the figure course. This is a professional group of real race Figure 8 cars on the racing track.

Plus, there will be the Modifieds, Pro Stocks, Late Models, Strictly Stocks, Super Stocks, replica 5/8 scale Coupes and Sedans, Half-Ton Trucks, Mini Stocks, Police Races, and more. Adults are just \$14.99 for this event, and kids (11 and under) are \$2.99; the pit fee is \$20 for anyone over 16 (there is no special club card required).

In October, there will be two major Saturday events at Riverside Park Speedway, and they'll be held rain or shine on October 12th and 26th.

Wanted — school buses and drivers for a \$1,000-to-win School Bus Demolition Derby and Figure 8 race on Saturday, October 12th. Riverside will pay you \$100 just to bring your bus to the Demolition Derby! This program will also feature a "Marathon Madness" Figure 8 Car Enduro, a four-cylinder Enduro, and the Demolition Football Event, plus the Super Stocks, Mini Stocks, Strictly Stocks, Trucks, and much more. Enter now; call 1-800-370-7488, number 4 for more information and a speedway update.

On Saturday, October 26th, Riverside will present the "Halloween Howler" Enduro with a cash prize costume contest and more.

Dan Berube Wins Modified 40 Race On Sat., Sept. 14th

On Saturday, September 14th, the special racing event at Riverside Park Speedway featured nine different divisions with nine winners. A pit area filled with cars set the stage for the special, as **Dave Berube** started eighth in the Modified tour-type feature.

It was Ed Spiers who took the lead at the start of the Modified race. By lap two, it was Chris Kopec from the front row to take the lead. At one point, Kopec had almost a straightaway lead.

Lap number 10 saw Reggie Ruggiero drop out after being hit in the rear. On lap 17, Richie Gallup cut a tire to bring out the second caution. Then it was the battle of the event, as Ted Riggott moved in to challenge Dave Berube.

The two touched and Riggott hit the wall at a ton. Eric LeClair was also involved and never returned with Bert Marvin. As the field went back to green, it was Kopec in command; then, suddenly, Kopec faltered on the back stretch. Berube jumped into the lead while Kopec, a challenger, had to settle for second at the checker.

At the checker, it was the Winston Champion Dave Berube for the win. Second was Chris Kopec, third was Richie Gallup, fourth was Rob Summers, and fifth was Ed Flemke.

Sixth through 10th went to Eddy Spiers, Barry Gray, Bill Bolton, Warren Brenn, and Ted Riggott.

In the Pro Stock event, it was front-row driver **John Lobo** who went to work on Tom Fearn to take the lead. Lobo set the pace as Fearn held off a strong challenge from Jeff Connors. The car that passed the most competitors was Eddy Carroll, who moved into third with 10 laps to go.

John Lobo won his first race of the season as Jeff Connors was second, Eddy Carroll was third, Tom Fearn was fourth, and Jim Bainfield was fifth.

Rounding out the top 10 were Barry Gray, Bennitt Fuller, Fran Colson, Todd Owen, and Willie Hardy.

Lobo was thrilled with his first win of the season and thanked his family, his crew, and his sponsors (Wagner Rug, Denny's, etc). He also stated that the car was "For Sale."

In the Late Model division, it was another familiar name to take down the victory for the fourth time in 1996 — it was the talented **Chuck Docherty** in the Big A Auto Parts/Dipisa-owned Lucky 13.

Second went to Ted Chalmers (who tried hard), third was Robert Valerio, fourth was Brian Locke, and fifth was George Perry. Sixth through 10th were Ken Marques, John Severns, Peter Pelc, Richard Finch, and Brian Merchant.

Pro Four Modified action saw **Gary Casella** to dominate the division to secure his second win of 1996. Ed Holcwiak came from the back to finish second, and third through fifth went to George Sherman, Rick Desrosier, and Tom Gavine.

Rounding out the top 10 for the Pro Four competitors were Joe Doucette, Ron Smith, George Ruff, Dick Dubois, and Rick Dubois.

It was "the young one," **Zak Sylvester**, who came from 15th to take the lead in the Mini Stock division. Early leader Ron Barnes was second over Ace Johnson, the frontrunner.

Fourth was another early leader, Ron Mayette, and fifth was Dan Zawisza. Sixth through 10th went to Paul Kratochvil, George Correia, David Sullivan, Mike Nolan, and Dave Ouelette.

It was Zak's third win of the 1996 season at Riverside.

In the 5/8 scale replica car division for Coupes and Sedans, veteran **Bruce Harrison** won the feature as Dave Caissie was second, third was Jim Mayrand, fourth was Peter Valeri, and fifth was Brian LaForte.

Rounding out the top 10 in this division were Mike Harlik, Shawn Mulchany, Dan Cur, Garry Crawford, and Mike Beebe.

Glen Meisenholder nosed out Dave Capriati to take his fourth win in the half-ton truck division at Riverside on the final lap. Capriati was second over Brian Witkamp, Marty Rosakowski, and Brian Hobenstein.

Sixth through 10th were Nancy Muni, Steve Cassastevens, Wendy Charles, Don Bellinger, and Bob Bellinger.

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Riverside Slates Annual Awards Banquets For November 15th & 16th

Ben Dodge, Jr. is preparing to close the books on the 1996 NASCAR Winston Racing Series at Riverside Park Speedway. The successful quarter-mile in Agawam has again had another great season with record car counts and consistent crowds.

To celebrate the success of the 1996 season at Riverside Speedway, Riverside's management team, through Ben Dodge's efforts, has made three announcements of concern to the faithful supporters at Riverside Speedway. The 1996 Riverside Speedway Point Fund for four NASCAR divisions — Modifieds, Pro Stocks, Late Models, and Strictly Stocks — will exceed an estimated \$65,000 in its combined final total. (The final total may be higher based on NASCAR Riverside point money that won't be available until November 1st from NASCAR.)

Contributions collected for the Riverside competitors come from the support of NAPA Auto Parts, ACME Auto Supply, Snap On Tools, Goodyear, Hoosier, McCreary, Budweiser, Precision Machine, Loctite, Porter-Chester, and the Riverside program sellers.

Announcements number two and three concern the competitors and Riverside race fans. Riverside has announced the date and format for two NASCAR Winston Racing Series Awards Banquets. These events presented to salute the Champions will be held in the Grand Ballroom of The Oaks, 1077 Suffield Street, Agawam, MA.

The first banquet will take place on Friday, November 15th, for the Late Model division and the Strictly Stock division. The tribute to the Riverside Winston Racing Series Champion will be on

Saturday, November 16th; this function is for the NASCAR tour-type Modifieds and the Riverside Pro Stock division.

The top 15 drivers and owners will receive point fund checks in the Modified, Pro Stock, Late Model, and Strictly Stock divisions. Plus, the top 10 owners and drivers will receive trophies and plaques.

In addition to this, the Special Awards will be presented as voted by the media, fans, and official staff, combined with a percentage formula to determine the following: "Rookie of the Year," "Most Improved," "Best Appearing," "Hard Luck," "Professionalism," and several others. Besides this, the NAPA Point Series Champions will be crowned.

The function is followed by cocktails at 6:00 p.m., a prime rib dinner, awards, and dancing. Tickets are available by advance sale. Remember, these events sell out early and they are semi-formal, "dress to impress" events.

Banquet tickets are \$30 per person. Tables can be reserved in groups of 10. All tickets should be ordered with the driver's name, car number, and division that the driver is associated with. Single tickets will be sold, but this is an assigned seat affair.

Tickets can be ordered by sending a check with the exact amount requested, division, car number, and driver whom you are associated with. Make checks out to "Riverside Speedway Banquet '96," P.O. Box 307, Agawam, MA 01001. Please include a contact name and phone number, and remember ... everyone is welcome at these functions!

CCBA To Hold Invitational Golf Tourney In October

ACT I, "Agawam Citizens For Tomorrow," will be holding an Invitational Golf Tournament on Monday, October 21, 1996 at Crestview Country Club. This event is being sponsored by the Concerned Citizens and Businesses of Agawam (CCBA), and the proceeds will be used to benefit the CCBA Legal Fund.

ACT I needs you in its cast of players, so don't delay — register today! The golf tournament format will be a four-person Scramble.

The player's entrance fee of \$100 per player includes:

- A luncheon barbecue (hot dogs and hamburgers) from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Golf and cart, with a 12:30 p.m. shotgun start.
- A social hour from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. with hors-d'oeuvres and a cash bar.
- Crestview's famous dinner buffet from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

(Non-golfers can enjoy the social hour and dinner buffet for a fee of \$40.)

ACT I needs sponsors, so why not swing in and help us keep Agawam beautiful?

Gold Sponsors are \$1,000 (includes foursome, social hour, dinner, and special recognition); Silver Sponsors are \$500 (includes two players, social hour, dinner, and special recognition); and Tee and Green Sign Sponsors are \$100 (a special way to remember a loved one).

There will be prizes for Team Low Gross, Team Low Net, Team High Gross, Longest Drive, Closest to pin on all par 3's, Hole in one on the 6th hole (\$10,000), and Hole in one on the 14th hole (a 1997 automobile).

All entry fees and registrations must be received and paid in full no later than October 11th.

For further information and/or a registration form, contact Donna Jago, 786-2593, or Peter Clark, 786-2113, of the ACT I Golf Commission, c/o Crestview Country Club, P.O. Box 305, Shoemaker Lane, Agawam, MA 01001-0305.

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The Strictly Stocks again had another new winner — **Jon Yourga**. Meanwhile, Mark Anderson was second over Dennis Charette, Scott Neleber, and Rob Valerio.

Rounding out the top 10 were Paul Mercadante, Jon Waterhouse, Herb Carlon, Mike Salmond, and Patrick Townsend.

Vinnie Pond was another first-time winner in the Super Stocks, as Craig Collins was second over Mike Chaves, Norm Ashline, and Mark LaJoie.

Sixth through 10th in this division were Mike Tiani, Rick Charette, Keith Desantis, Scott Garrity, and Kevin Page.

This coming Saturday, September 21st, Riverside Park Speedway will present the \$5,000-to-win Megabucks Enduro, plus real race divisions. Adults are priced at just \$13.99 each, and the action is scheduled to begin at 6:00 p.m.

For more information, call 1-800-370-7488, number 4.

AHS Has Changes In Fall Sports Schedule

AHS Athletic Director Kathleen McSweeney has announced the following updates in the fall 1996 sports schedule:

On **October 28th**, the junior varsity/varsity girls' soccer team will play East Longmeadow in Agawam at 5:00/6:30 p.m. instead of 3:00 p.m.

On **September 24th**, the junior varsity/varsity field hockey team will play Westfield in Agawam at 5:00/6:30 p.m. instead of 3:15 p.m.

On **October 2nd**, the junior varsity/varsity field hockey team will play East Longmeadow in Agawam at 6:00/7:30 p.m. instead of 3:15 p.m.

Ms. McSweeney urges that the respective AHS athletes make note of these updates in their calendars.

Ag. Little League Sets Meeting For Oct. 8th

The Board of Directors of the Agawam Little League will hold its annual organizational meeting at the Italian Sporting Club, 349 Cooper Street, on October 8th at 8:00 p.m.

There will be a meeting of the current Board of Directors at 7:00 p.m., followed by the organizational meeting at 8:00 p.m. All of the positions on the board expire on November 1st of each year, therefore elections are held every October to elect officers to serve during the upcoming season.

Many current board members are not seeking re-election, therefore, new members will be needed so as to have a full Board of Directors.

Anyone interested in serving on the Board of Directors for the 1997 season should be sure to attend this meeting.



Golf Tip Of The Week...

Compiled by
Jim Modzelesky,
PGA
Oak Ridge Golf Club,
Feeding Hills, MA

One Last Thought...

The amount you are willing to work on every aspect of your game will largely determine just how much of your potential you will realize.

Ben Hogan said it best: "For every day you miss playing or practicing, it takes one day longer to be good."

If that's true for Ben Hogan, it's certainly true for the rest of us.

The aforementioned tip concludes my weekly "Golf Tip Of The Week" for 1996.

As always, the summer months have flown right by us. October and November will have its share of good golf days, so hopefully you will keep swinging until the end.

My thanks to Ric Sardella of *The Agawam Advertiser News* for allowing me the space in his newspaper each week for my golf tips. Somewhere down the line, I hope that my golf tips have had a positive effect on your golf game.

I will look forward to 1997 with more of my golf tips. So again, keep swinging and remember (as you will learn by this week's tip) that practice is the real key to the success of your golf game.

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Tri-Parish Bowlers Back On Lanes For 1996-1997 Season

Those wild wascals in one of the oldest bowling leagues around, the Tri-Parish Bowling League, are at it again at the Agawam Bowl on Walnut Street Extension every Monday night. The 1996-1997 rolling season opened for these competitive wascals on September 9th. The league is back at 10 teams entering the new season.

In the first match to report, Catholic University met Holy Cross. For HC, leadoff roller MARSHA DOBIE (245) and new face BILL BURLINGHAM as anchorman (340) each won. For CU, winners were CORI NAPOLITAN (281) and third roller FRANKIE CERPOVICZ (323-322 over SUE GRIFFIN). New CU Captain BILL GRAY rolled a lowly 297 in the anchor position in his dubious debut on the lanes.

Next up was St. Mary and St. Michael. It was the old faces on St. Mike's who dominated this one. St. Mike's winners were second roller JEANNE BUONICONTI (258), LARRY FORTIER (323), and last year's league strongman, Captain JERRY ALLEN (326). The only St. Mary's winner was newcomer MARY BURLINGTON (226) in the leadoff spot. St. Mary's Captain JOHN MLINEK, another familiar roller on this circuit, stumbled and bumbled to a 253.

An interesting match-up came when Fordham faced St. Anselm. This pitted the famous Muldrew brothers in each other's face once again in the renewal of this rivalry. St. A's winners were reliable leadoff MAYBETH "Miss Consistent" COUGHLIN (264), DON "Don't Sit On" STITT (305-303 over JOHN-BOY LONCRINI), and "Luscious" LOU MULDREW, a gleeful 314-286 winner over his brother, "Jollie" OLLIE MULDREW.

The "Jollie" one claimed he is still rusty and will be back with a vengeance in coming weeks. We shall see. The only Fordham winner was veteran roller VI MASSOIA (282) in the two spot.

Over on lane 3, many familiar names and faces began the season for Georgetown and St. Louis. G-Town got the best of this one as leadoff LOU NAPOLITAN (244), DEBBIE POIRIER (318), and "Wild" BILLY GRIFFIN (349) all checked in with victories. The only winner for St. Lou was second roller TERRY CERPOVICH (277-275 over "Steady" STELLA BARBIERI).

St. Lou Captain GLENN ADAMS hit a respective 320 in a losing effort to "Wild" Billy.

In the final match of the night, it was opening night jitters for both teams when Notre Dame faced Boston College. Not one roller hit the 300 mark in this one. All rollers on both teams are returning veterans.

BC winners were leadoff DORIS FORTIER (263), third roller YVONNE CHARTIER (278), and the famous "Jungle" JIM MCCORMICK (299). "Jungle" was definitely wiping off the rust afterwards. Giving "Jungle" the rust towel was ND Captain FLO ROCHFORD, last year's queen of the lanes who sputtered with a lowly 279 on opening night.

The lone ND winner was veteran second roller VENETTA SNYDER (296).

Agawam Firemen In Local Tournament



A SOFTBALL TEAM from the Agawam Fire Dept. participated in a tournament vs. area fire dept. teams at Borgatti Park on Saturday, September 7th. Despite the rainy weather, the AFD and their families enjoyed the day. IN PHOTO RIGHT, the firemen's wives helped to run the concession stand. From left - Jessica Sibia, Marcia Barker, and Dina Lancour. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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Fall Fishing... Cool Weather, Hot Action

Cooler weather has stirred the migration urge in some salt water game fish. It seems that they may be bulking up for the annual migration to southern waters.

Striper action has picked up on the coast, and schools of ravenous bluefish have been attacking bait fish and cornering them on the up-tide face of rips throughout Long Island Sound.

Surf fishermen have been scoring on keeper bass and some gorilla-sized blues from the Rhode Island beaches and breachways. Live eels at night have been top producers. Now that the Labor Day weekend is over with, four-wheel drives with beach permits can prowl the beaches for schools of feeding fish.

Napatree Point to Point Judith beaches are "turning on," and the action should only get better.

NUTMEG HUNTERS GEARING UP

Connecticut hunters are getting ready, as well as the many Bay State hunters who take advantage of Connecticut's fairly reasonable (?) non-resident license. The following is excerpted from the Connecticut Hunting abstract, which is published by the State of Connecticut.

FISH REPORTS

Congamond Lakes and Hampton Ponds continue to produce decent catches of bass. Once the water temperature starts to fall, trout action should pick up.

Oxbow and northern Connecticut River sections have become more fishable due to decreased boat traffic. Northern pike and both large and smallmouth bass have been hammering spinnerbaits and buzzbaits. Slow down the retrieve as the water temperature and the fish's metabolism cool.

Five Mile Pond in Springfield has reportedly given up a couple more holdover Atlantic Salmon brood stock. Deep-trolled Mepps spinners were rumored to be the winning ticket.

Valley streams continue to suffer from low water as of this moment. A little rainfall later this week could bring them back to optimum levels.

SALT WATER

Party boat fishing has switched mostly to in-shore action on fluke and porgies. Some Cod trips are still being taken. Bluefishing at the Race has tapered off, but the weather and baitfish could change that.

Offshore trips with charter boats and party boats targeting tuna, have been spotty. Canyon trips have produced mixed results. The two hurricanes that came up the coast have prevented some trips from taking place. Warm water pockets offshore will eventually pay off later this fall and the tuna action should improve. Shark fishermen have still been scoring well, with blue sharks still abundant. Occasional Makos make the trips well worthwhile.

Best local news...

SMALL GAME HUNTING SEASONS

UPLAND BIRDS	DAILY LIMIT	SEASON LIMIT	SEASON DATES	Small Mammals	DAILY LIMIT	SEASON LIMIT	SEASON DATES
Pheasant ^A	2	10	JAN. 1 - JAN. 13 OCT. 19 - DEC. 31	Gray Squirrel	8	40	JAN. 1 - FEB. 29 SEP. 2 - SEP. 30 OCT. 19 - DEC. 31
Ruffed Grouse	2	10		Cottontail Rabbit	3	25	
Chukar Partridge	2	10		European Hare	1	10	
Bobwhite ^B	2	10	OCT. 19 - NOV. 1	Snowshoe Hare	2	10	JAN. 1 - JAN. 31 NOV. 16 - DEC. 31
Crow	NO LIMIT	NO LIMIT	New regulations effective April 1. Details on page 16.	Woodchuck	NO LIMIT	NO LIMIT	MAR. 15 - APR. 30 MAY 22 - OCT. 4 OCT. 19 - NOV. 15

^APheasant Tag Series required.

^BSee page 16 for areas with extended season dates.

Woodcock - Snipe - Coot

Woodcock	See 1996/1997 Waterfowl Hunting Guide		
Common Snipe			
Coot			

Waterfowl^D

Ducks ^C	See 1996/1997 Waterfowl Hunting Guide		
Mergansers ^C			
Geese ^C			

^C State and federal stamps required.

Rails

	DAILY LIMIT	SEASON LIMIT	SEASON DATES
Virginia & Sora	25	25	SEP. 2 - NOV. 10
Clapper & King ^D	10	20	

^D Only 1 of the Daily Bag Limit may be a King Rail.

DEER AND TURKEY HUNTING SEASONS

Deer Bowhunting	BAG LIMIT	SEASON DATES	Spring Turkey	BAG LIMIT	SEASON DATES
State and Private Lands		Sep. 16 - Nov. 19	STATE LAND LOTTERY		
Private Lands Only	4*	Dec. 11 - Dec. 24	1st Season	1*	May 1 - May 9
State and Private Lands		Dec. 25 - Dec. 31	2nd Season	1*	May 10 - May 21
* Two either sex and two antlerless					
Deer Shotgun - State Controlled Areas			STATE LAND NO-LOTTERY		
LOTTERY			State Land No-Lottery Season	1*	May 1 - May 21
State Land "A" Season	1*	Nov. 20 - Nov. 29	PRIVATE LAND SPRING SEASONS		
State Land "B" Season	1*	Nov. 30 - Dec. 10	Private Land	2*	May 1 - May 21
Controlled Hunt "A" Season	Variable	Nov. 20 - Nov. 29	Landowner	2*	May 1 - May 21
Controlled Hunt "B" Season	Variable	Nov. 30 - Dec. 10	* Bearded birds only		
NO-LOTTERY			Fall Turkey Bowhunting	(Open state-wide)	
State Land No-Lottery Season	1*	Nov. 30 - Dec. 10	State and Private Lands	1^	Sep. 16 - Nov. 19 Dec. 25 - Dec. 31
* Either sex					
Deer Shotgun/Rifle - Private Lands			^ Either sex		
Shotgun/Rifle	2*	Nov. 20 - Dec. 10	Fall Turkey Firearms	(Zones A, B, C, D, and E only)	
Landowner	2*	Nov. 1 - Dec. 31	State Land	1^	Oct. 19 - Nov. 2
* One either sex and one antlerless					
Deer Muzzleloader			Private Land	1^	Oct. 19 - Nov. 2
Private Land	2*	Dec. 11 - Dec. 24	Landowner	1^	Oct. 19 - Nov. 2
State Land	1^	Dec. 11 - Dec. 24	^ Either sex		
* One either sex and one antlerless					
^ Either sex					

March Of Dimes Golf Tournament Sept. 26th

The Sixth Annual Greater Springfield March of Dimes Golf Tournament will be held on Thursday, September 26th, at the Oak Ridge Golf Club in Feeding Hills.

Proceeds from the Golf Tournament will benefit the March of Dimes Campaign for Healthier Babies by way of research, public and professional education, community service and advocacy. Local grants have been given to the Women's Health Connections at the Spanish American Union and the VNA's Maternal Child Health Program Collaborative with the Black Men of Greater Springfield community organization and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center.

The Tournament is a four-person scramble with

a shotgun start at 1:00 p.m. United Industrial Service, Inc. of Agawam is the Premier Sponsor; WGGB-TV News40 and 94.7 FM WMAS are the media sponsors. Teddy Bear Pool and Fran Johnson's Nevada Bob's are sponsoring the two Holes-in-One. A wide range of additional sponsorship opportunities are still available.

The \$100 entry fee for the tournament includes green and cart fees, lunch, refreshments on the course, photos of foursomes, banquet and prizes. A raffle and silent auction will be held after dinner.

The field is limited to 144 golfers and there are some spots still available. If you would like to participate as either a golfer or a sponsor, please call the March of Dimes at 788-9775.



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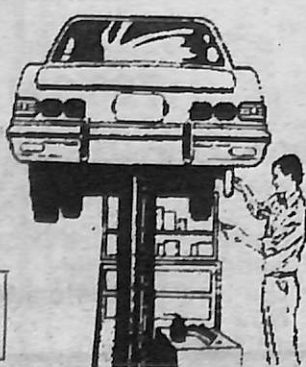
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Agawam Parks Dept. Announces Many Fall Programs For Adults & Kids

Registration for all Agawam Parks & Recreation Department programs is scheduled for Wednesday, September 25th from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Recreation Office.

After the initial registration date, registration will be held in the Recreation Office, Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Registration for all recreation programs is limited and is offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

Registration will **not** be accepted before the initial registration date and phone registrations will **not** be accepted.

All fees are required at the time of registration and checks should be made payable to the Town of Agawam. A parent's or legal guardian's signature is required for all children's programs.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Aerobics: Intermediate, low-impact workout includes toning and stretching. The eight-week program instructed by Willie Fortini begins October 7th at the AGAWAM MIDDLE SCHOOL. Participants must supply their own mats.

Monday and Wednesday, 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.; \$35 for eight weeks, or \$3 per night.

Women's Volleyball: "Fun" recreational program begins September 30th and runs for eight weeks at the AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL.

Monday, 6:45 to 8:45 p.m.; \$20.

Co-Ed Volleyball: Competitive, recreational program begins September 30th and runs for eight weeks at the AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL.

Monday, 6:45 to 8:45 p.m.; \$20.

Men's Volleyball League: The league is now in progress. Games are held on Tuesday evenings at the AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL. Drop-ins are welcomed on Thursday evenings from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Drop-in fee is \$2 per night.

Drop-In Basketball: Supervised drop-in basketball program for RESIDENTS ONLY begins October 21st at the AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL. Identification Cards which are necessary for admittance to the program must be picked up at the Recreation Office.

Monday and Wednesday, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.; \$2 per night.

Recreational Swim: Public swim will be held at the AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL.

Monday, 7:00 to 8:45 p.m.; \$2 for participants six

years-old and up, and \$1 for participants under six years of age.

Disposable diapers or floating devices are **not** allowed in the pool. Children under 12 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Super Saturday Mornings: Supervised activities include sports, games, and arts/crafts. Open to children ages four and older. The eight-week program begins October 5th.

Saturday, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.; \$35/session, or \$5 per week.

Instructors: Dan Pryce, Sarah Hufland, and Melanie DeMastrie.

Piranhas Swim Team: The Agawam Recreation Department sponsors a competitive swim team for children ages five through 18. The winter session begins October 8th at the AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL POOL. Registration is now being accepted in the Agawam Recreation Office. For more information, call Steve Adamski at 789-2451.

Youth Basketball: The Agawam Recreation Department will sponsor the in-town basketball program for children in grades 1 through 12 this winter. Registration information will be available shortly. Any adult interested in coaching is asked to call the Recreation Office.

THE ROLLAWAY has announced it will sponsor the following programs for Agawam residents:

Kinderskate: Special afternoon skate for pre-schoolers and parents beginning October 2nd.

Wednesday, 12:30 to 2:00 p.m.; parents are \$3/session*, and pre-schoolers are \$2/session*.

After-School Matinee: Weekly after-school skate specials begin October 2nd.

Wednesday, 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.; \$2.75/session*.

Roller Hockey: Ages nine to 15. This drop-in program begins November 7th and runs throughout the school year. Stick and helmet required; pads are recommended.

Thursday, 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.; \$3/session*.

(*Prices include skate rentals and are payable at the Rollaway.)

Ag. Little League Receives \$1,000 From Ag./West Side Elks

The efforts of the Board of Directors of the Agawam Little League to provide the children of Agawam with a quality baseball program received a boost from the Agawam/West Springfield Lodge of Elks in the form of a \$600 contribution to the league.

The Agawam Little League provides over 300 children with the opportunity to play baseball each year. Running a league of that size is an expensive undertaking which receives tremendous support from the Agawam business community. Even with the commitment from the business community, there are projects each year which must be postponed due to lack of funds.

Contributions from civic organizations, like the Elks, provide the league with a means to carry out needed maintenance and upgrading of the baseball facilities.

Jim Donovan, President of the Agawam Little League, stated that, "All of the members of the Board of Directors strive to provide the best possible program at the most affordable cost to the families of the players. This generous gift from the Elks Lodge will go a long way toward achieving that goal."

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Agawam Recreation Office
760 Cooper Street
Agawam, MA 01001

Application deadline is September 27, 1996. FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL THE AGAWAM RECREATION DEPARTMENT AT 786-0400, x456.

The Town of Agawam is an affirmative action/ equal opportunity employer and actively seeks applications from women and minorities.

Baywest Hockey Assoc. To Hold Registration For Development Prog.

The Agawam/West Springfield Hockey Association (Baywest) will be holding registration for the 1996-1997 learn to skate/developmental hockey program.

Registration will be held on Monday, October 7th, at 7:00 p.m. in the West Springfield Town Hall. The program cost is \$150 per child (\$50 per additional child), and it will run for 20 weeks on Sundays at 12:30 p.m. at the Olympia Ice Arena in West Springfield starting on October 20th.

Please bring a check, a non-returnable copy of the participant's birth certificate, and Social Security number to the registration.

For more information, call Patrick Johnson, 786-5216.

Boston College To Face Villanova In Soccer Action In Ludlow

NCAA College Soccer will present a Big East Conference match-up when Boston College meets Villanova on Friday, September 20th, at 8:00 p.m.

This event will take place at the Lusitano Stadium on Winsor Street in Ludlow, MA.

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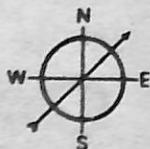
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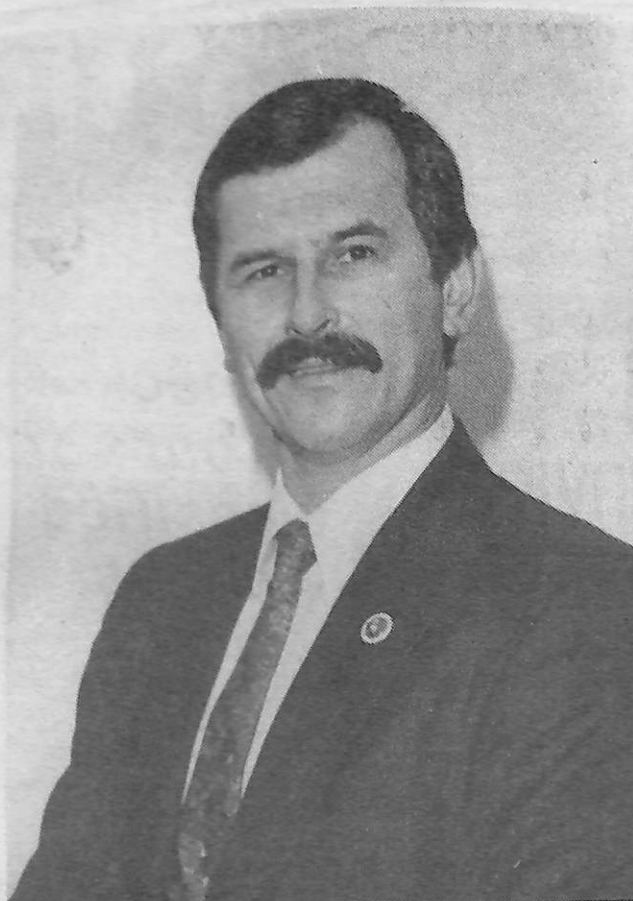
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4TH DEGREE BLACK BELT Raymond Shugart, owner of Hwang's School of Tae Kwan-Do in Feeding Hills, is chairman of Master Hwang's Golf Classic on Friday, October 18th.

Raymond Shugart Chairman Of Benefit Golf Tournament

The Master Hwang's Golf Classic will be held Friday, October 18th at Elmcrest Country Club, Longmeadow. A barbecue will be held from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., shotgun/scramble start at 11:30 a.m., followed by dinner at 6:00 p.m. Cost is \$75 per person and includes 18 holes, lunch, cart, and dinner. Dinner only is \$30.

Proceeds will benefit "Make-A-Wish Foundation of Western & Central Mass." Hole-in-one prizes will be presented and raffles available. Win a "1996 BUICK CENTURY" from Houser Buick.

Tee sponsorship is \$100. Hwang's School of Tae Kwan-Do is located across the street from the Agawam Police Department. Ray Shugart is a fourth degree black belt. His school caters to youth, adults, and families.

For more information on the golf classic, call Steve Cotela at Elmcrest Country Club, 525-8444, or Ray Shugart at Hwang's School of Tae Kwan-Do, 786-4158.

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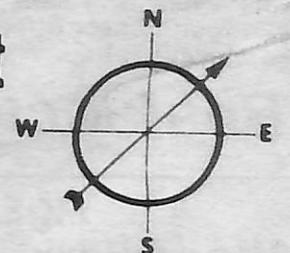
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